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MOVING IN THE SPIRIT STARTS AN *EDUCATION REVOLUTION* AT THE RIALTO CENTER FOR THE ARTS

ATLANTA, Georgia – March 15, 2010 – The Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University will present *Moving in the Spirit's ER: Education Revolution* on May 6, 2010 at 7pm. This vibrant dance event examines the history of education and freedom in America, and celebrates the different ways we learn. Set to the beloved tunes of School House Rock, this family-friendly performance features student and professional dancers, renowned poet Alice Lovelace, and prominent visual artist Sal Brownfield.

Moving in the Spirit is a youth development program that empowers youth ages 3-18 through the art of dance, helping them become compassionate leaders in their communities. Its unique teaching philosophy stresses the idea that individual children learn through an array of different avenues. Executive Director Dana Lupton explains, "Many of our students are struggling with school when they initially come to our programs. They are constantly told that they are not smart. At *Moving in the Spirit*, we let them know that they are intelligent. Our teaching artists and staff work hard to uncover each student's individual learning style, and help students apply this information to their work in school and life. Unlocking children's creativity and helping them discover how they learn is critical to developing future leaders. We are thrilled to create a show that celebrates this revolution."

Brianna Evans, a 12-year old student enrolled in Moving in the Spirit's Junior Company, benefitted immensely when she discovered that she learns kinesthetically. "When I first moved to my new school, I had a hard time with my grades, and I didn't have anyone to help me. In my class at Moving in the Spirit, my teachers helped me realize that I learn by moving. Now when I study, I do movements and make up dance phrases about what I'm learning. My grades are definitely better, and I can even help others."

ER: Education Revolution will be held at 7pm on May6, 2010 at the Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University, located at 80 Forsyth Street NW Atlanta, GA. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 13, and may be purchased at the door on the night of the event. Children under the age of 3 can attend the performance free of charge. For more information, call 404-624-5295, or visit www.movinginthespirit.org.

Founded by Dana Lupton and Leah Mann in 1986, Moving in the Spirit is a nationally recognized youth development program that integrates high quality dance instruction with performance, leadership and mentor opportunities for young people in Atlanta's urban communities. Moving in the Spirit educates, inspires and unites young people through dance, in order to help them become compassionate leaders.

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