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MOVING IN THE SPIRIT'S MEN IN MOTION OFFERS EXCITING PERFORMANCE

ATLANTA, Georgia – February 9, 2010 – Moving in the Spirit will present its seventh annual Men in Motion show on March 13th and 14th. This fun event will feature young men, ages 8-13, performing with some of Atlanta's most talented professional male dancers. The show consists of exciting dance pieces based in the hip-hop and modern genres.

Moving in the Spirit's Men in Motion program supports boys by providing them with an alternative to street-life, engaging them in meaningful dance activities that help them develop responsibility and respect. Through combining dance with leadership training, Men in Motion provides Atlanta's young men with support, performance opportunities and exposure to positive male role models.

This year, 18 year-old alumnus Kyle Furcron is returning to serve as a role model and choreographer for the young boys in the Men in Motion program. Kyle's new piece, which represents his choreographic debut in Atlanta, is an inventive tribute to the late Michael Jackson.

Kyle began training at Moving in the Spirit at a young age, ultimately performing with the Men in Motion and Apprentice Corporation programs and serving as a student teacher to younger dancers. When asked why he came back to Moving in the Spirit, Kyle discusses the impact Moving in the Spirit had on his life. "Moving in the Spirit kept me out of trouble, kept me from doing things I had no business doing. It gave me something to do besides sitting at home on the couch, something to look forward to." Kyle hopes to give his Men in Motion students the same experience, saying, "I want them to have fun doing the piece, to really want to do it and have something to look forward to, a reason to come to class."

Witnessing the end of a rehearsal, there is no doubt that Kyle's students are excited about performing his work. Eleven year-old Said Rios, now in his third year at Men in Motion, shares, "I'm most excited to perform the Michael Jackson piece, so we can give the King of Pop a tribute. Kyle understands our feelings and emotions, how we like to dance and how the dance should feel. It's going to be really great."

The 7th Annual Men in Motion show will be held on Saturday, March 13th at 6pm and 8pm, and Sunday, March 14th 3pm and 5pm at Moving in the Spirit's home theater, The Beam, located at 750 Glenwood Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. Tickets may be purchased for \$12 at the door on the night of the event, with a \$6 discount for students, artists, and adolescents ages 13 and under. Children under the age of 3 can attend the performance free of charge.

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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