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Coral Springs Residents' Dance Company Called 'Breathtaking' by Grammy-Award Winning Gospel Artists Darius Brooks

MIAMI - May 10, 2010 - If you love the Lord and you love to dance, you should know about The McIntyre Institute (TMI), a bible-based training institution in South Florida that has garnered a reputation as one of the world's leading innovators in the liturgical dance genre. TMI was founded in 2000 by Coral Springs residents Drs. Vincent and Constance McIntyre. The husband and wife team have received numerous honors and awards for their work in the non-profit and artistic communities.

TMI is "a non-profit dance and community program which was established for the purpose of providing community development, cultural enhancement, character education, and a personal enlightenment in a Christian -based environment." Recently, the school's official dance company, The McIntyre Institute Dance Theater (TMIDT), made history when they were hand-picked and ministered at the first-ever African American Heritage Festival in Naperville, Illinois. The festival took place in mid-April and the dance company received rave reviews, namely from Grammy-award winning gospel artist Darius Brooks.

After witnessing TMI Dance Theater perform, Brooks said he was extremely blessed by their ministry. "Wow! Not only did they look like angels, their ministry was very, very good and an incredible blessing. Keep up the good work," Brooks said.

Many members of the audience echoed Brooks' sentiment. Rev. Theresa A. Dear, President of the DuPage County NAACP, called TMI Dance Theater outstanding.

"This is an extraordinarily talented dance ensemble and I hope we'll have them back. The performance has been inspirational [and] it's a very uplifting experience. This is something that not only African-Americans should witness on display, but this whole community because they have a story to tell, a story we should see," Dear said.

"I think that these young people have fantastic talent. They were fabulous and they should be showcased in other places," said Henry Allen, a Professor from Wheaton College, who attended the festival with his wife.

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"We're seeing them at their absolute gorgeous best! We're giving it up to the Lord. This is a universal language tonight. If you have the gift of sight and hearing, you can celebrate the exuberance and the prayerful attitude of the dancers. I'm at Wentz tonight but I do feel like I'm in church at a liturgy," said Carolyn Finzer, a 62-year-old, artist and storyteller.

At the festival TMI Dance Theater ministered a variety of songs including: their signature pieces, Called 2 Dance 2008 and 2009; Sam Cooke's Change is Gonna Come; Be Grateful; Motherless Child; Set the Atmosphere; Servant's Prayer; Lord You're Holy; and State of Freedom.

In addition to the dance company, TMI is nationally known for their Called 2 Dance productions and television series, which is the first national TV series of its kind to spotlight liturgical dance. They have performed with some of the biggest names in gospel music including: Deitrick Haddon, Helen Baylor, J Moss, 21:03, Micah Stampley, Freddie Colloca, and most recently, Darius Brooks.

The company is comprised of both males and females that range in profession from educators, college students and accountants to graphic designers and ministers.

Dr. Constance McIntyre is TMI's Co-Founder and Artistic Director. She and her dancers rigorously prepared for the AAHF on both the spiritual and physical levels. Through lots of prayer and practice, they delivered effective ministry through movement at the Naperville festival.

McIntyre humbly described herself as blessed and honored to have the privilege of working with the TMI Dance Theater company.

"I thank God for such a wonderful group of individuals who are leaders in their respective communities, joining forces with my husband Vincent McIntyre and I as we celebrate and continue to aggressively work towards bringing the vision of "bridging the gap of diversity through the ministry of movement" to pass," McIntyre concluded.

Now that the company has returned home, they continue to be about the Father's business. The weekend of April 30th, TMI hosted a Called 2 Dance Mini-Conference at the LaQuinta Inn in Coral Springs. It was well attended by dancers ages nine thru mature adults. TMIDT will also be traveling to Mississippi to minister in June and continue to be sought after to minister in various venues around the world. For more information about the TMI Dance Theater, Called 2 Dance or any upcoming events or conferences that will be taking place in the Coral Springs area, visit www.mcintyreinstitute.com or www.called2dance.com.

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