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Raleigh Dance Theatre Announces Its 25th Season

(RALEIGH) – Mary LeGere, Artistic Director, announces the 2009-2010 season of Raleigh Dance Theatre (RDT). Celebrating their 25th anniversary, RDT will open its season with its popular family-oriented production of *Storybook Tales* on Saturday, October 10, at 11:00am, 3:00pm, and 7:00pm. *Storybook Tales* will bring back two RDT favorites: Mary LeGere's *Fancy Nancy: Bonjour, Butterfly*, based on the popular children's book by Jane O'Connor with illustrations by Robin Preiss Glasser, as well as Jennifer Sommers' *Alice in Wonderland* based on the fairytale classic. The 2009-2010 season will close with RDT's *Spring Repertoire* on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm showcasing this pre-professional training company's dancers in classical and contemporary repertoire. *Storybook Tales* and *Spring Repertoire* performances will be held in Fletcher Opera Theater at Raleigh's Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts. General admission tickets for both performances are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Group rates are also available.

In addition to these formal performances, RDT will present informal performances open to the public at local libraries during reading times, will host the Girl Scouts-NC Coastal Pines in outreach events, and will present lecture demonstrations at regional elementary schools throughout the year. RDT will present *Fancy Nancy: Bonjour, Butterfly* at Cameron Village Library at 11:00am on September 12, 2009, and at Quail Ridge Books & Music on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 11:00 am.

Raleigh Dance Theatre was founded in 1984 by Ann Vorus to provide pre-professional performance training, while promoting and fostering the art of dance in the community. It is an honor member company of Regional Dance America/Southeastern Regional Ballet Association. RDT's training program has a proven record of success, with alumnae who have gone on to professional careers with Carolina Ballet, Pennsylvania Ballet, Stuttgart Ballet, Washington Ballet II, and New York City Ballet among others.

For more information about the Raleigh Dance Theatre, *Storybook Tales*, *Spring Repertoire*, or our outreach programs, please contact the company offices at (919) 834-1058, or visit its website at www.raleighdance.org.

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