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Raleigh Dance Theatre Celebrates 25 Years with Gala Performance and Alumni Reunion

(RALEIGH) – Mary LeGere, Artistic Director, announces the Spring 2010 season of Raleigh Dance Theatre (RDT). RDT celebrates its 25th anniversary season with special Gala performances on March 20, 2010 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. RDT's 25th Anniversary Gala performances will feature alumni who have gone on to professional dance careers performing alongside current RDT dancers with most alumni performing in the 7:00pm performance. Choreography for the Gala will feature several RDT favorites as well as new works including a piece choreographed by Carolina Ballet soloist Margot Martin and a new work by Mary LeGere to the music of Pulitzer Prize winning composer Robert Ward. Performances will be held in Fletcher Opera Theater at Raleigh's Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts. General admission tickets for all performances are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Group rates are also available.

RDT has a goal of contacting as many alumni as possible to attend the gala performance and reunion, which will include a gala reception on Saturday night and an alumni ballet class on Sunday. Young alumni have technology on their side as they assist RDT directors in contacting former dancers using Facebook, Google searches, and email.

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 alumni who have gone on to professional careers with Pennsylvania Ballet, Dayton Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Carolina Ballet, Stuttgart Ballet, Royal Ballet of Flanders, Aspen/Santa Fe Ballet and the New York City Ballet among others.

For more information about the Raleigh Dance Theatre, the 25th Anniversary Gala performances, 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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