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RETURNS TO ST. LOUIS
THREE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS OF GREAT DANCE
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ST. LOUIS, March 24, 2010.....It's a travelogue of great dance from Missouri to Minnesota, and a cornucopia of styles from ballet and contemporary dance to hip-hop and tap. The Midwest's own world-class dance festival is back for its third year, still with its original bargain price. On May 27, 28, and 29, Dance St. Louis and the Touhill Performing Arts Center at the University of Missouri-St. Louis present ***SPRING TO DANCE[®] FESTIVAL 2010***: 30 dance companies, three unique nights, all tickets only \$10 per night.

Thirty dance companies will converge on the Touhill to treat audiences to the best of dance from throughout the Midwest and beyond. The program is different every night. Each evening is three shows in one, with informal interactive demonstrations in the lobby, a performance with first-come first-served seating in the intimate Lee Theater, and a reserved seat performance in the Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall. *SPRING TO DANCE FESTIVAL 2010* is an entire summer festival packed into one Memorial Day weekend.

Tickets are available at the Dance St. Louis box office at the Centene Center for Arts and Education at 3547 Olive Blvd. in Grand Center, by calling 314-534-6622, and at dancestlouis.org. Tickets are also available at the Touhill Ticket Office, by calling the Touhill at 314-516-4949 or 866-516-4949 toll free, and at touhill.org. Additional information is available at springtodance.com.

The 30 companies are renowned Midwestern troupes and guests from the East Coast and Canada. Some companies are returning from the 2008 and 2009 *SPRING TO DANCE* festivals. Others are new not only to the festival but to St. Louis. Among the companies are Flying Foot Forum from Minneapolis, Houston Ballet, GroundWorks Dancetheater from Cleveland, Battleworks Dance Company from New York, and Chicago Human Rhythm Project's BAM! From St. Louis come ANNONYArts / Dawn Karlovsky and Dancers, MADCO, Missouri Ballet Theatre, Saint Louis Ballet, and The Slaughter Project.

At 5:30 p.m., St. Louis-area arts groups conduct interactive shows and demonstrations in the lobby. At 6 p.m., there is a performance with first-come, first-served seating in the 350-seat Lee Theater. At 7:30 p.m., there is a different performance with reserved seating in the 1,625-seat Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall. The \$10-per-night ticket covers all three parts of the festival evening.

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