

ABOUT WELLSPRING

Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers was founded in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1981, under the artistic direction of dancer and choreographer Cori Terry. Southwest Michigan's only professional modern dance company, Wellspring presents performances featuring works choreographed by Ms. Terry, members of the company, and guest choreographers. The company performs in two series, the **Fall Concert of Dance** and the **Spring Concert of Dance**. Wellspring showcases regional choreographers in the **Dance Forum** and presents works of national and international guest artists possessing diverse modern dance styles through the **Alternative Dance Project**. The company also tours, presenting concerts, lecture/demonstrations, and master classes.

Highlights of Wellspring's history include critically acclaimed concerts and collaborations with Artichoke Dance Company of New York, Zephyr Dance and XSIGHT! of Chicago, Susan Van Pelt from the University of Ohio, the Detroit Dance Collective, the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, and Ariel Dance Company. Wellspring also has performed with the Naumburg-winning eighth blackbird of New York, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Fontana Chamber Arts, and Cavani String Quartet. In 1997, Wellspring was the subject of an hour-long documentary, "The Birth of a Dance", which aired on PBS. In 2001, Wellspring was the recipient of the Great Lakes Community Arts Award given by the Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies for "artistic excellence as well as community impact and outreach".

Wellspring does much more than perform. Each season, the company reaches out to more than 1,400 new and underserved audiences in the Kalamazoo community, expanding the understanding and benefits of dance and the importance of the arts in our daily lives. Wellspring presents **Dance in the Schools**, a free outreach program for third-grade students in public schools. **Wellspring Dance Day** is a popular family open house featuring free mini-classes and performances. Wellspring is proud of its **Dance for Youth Scholarship Program** that provides dance scholarships to low-income/minority children. Wellspring's newest outreach effort, the **Discount Ticket Program**, offers deeply discounted tickets to partnering groups to encourage audience participation from financially challenged and underserved populations.

This extraordinary company of poetic and athletic dancers is committed to revealing the language of modern dance. Critics have called Wellspring's work dramatic, impassioned, seamless, compelling, exuberant, and life-affirming. Wellspring is one of the premier performing arts organizations in Michigan and a vibrant part of the Kalamazoo arts community.



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