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### **Wellspring's 29<sup>th</sup> Season Begins with the Annual *Fall Concert of Dance***

KALAMAZOO – Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers will kick off its 29<sup>th</sup> season with the annual *Fall Concert of Dance*, featuring two new pieces and three revivals from the repertoire, November 14-16 and 20-22 in the Wellspring Theater at the Epic Center.

The performances begin at 8 pm November 14-15 & 20-22, with a 2 pm matinee performance on November 16. After each evening performance, audience members are invited to a reception to meet the company members. Opening night, Friday, November 14, includes a post-concert discussion with Artistic Director Cori Terry and company members.

Ms. Terry will premiere "Ladino Rondo", set to *Ey Eshqhe* by Françoise Atlan and Constantinople. Through seamlessly changing solos, duets and trios, and striking ensemble formations, "Ladino Rondo" highlights the dancers' abilities by contrasting smooth and flowing with quick, dynamic movements. Building on traditional motifs, the passionate Middle Eastern music infuses the dance with a simultaneous yearning and joy.

Ms. Terry will also reprise two pieces from the company's expansive repertoire, "Counter Offer" and "At This Very Moment Breaking".

"Counter Offer" was commissioned and performed with Bill Ryan's New Music Ensemble at Grand Valley State University in the fall of 2007. With the musical score "Sweet Air" by provocative American composer David Lang, five dancers from the company perform Ms. Terry's piece with grace and bravado. This captivating dance is framed with strong, soaring, and powerful choreography. It is decadently rich in choreographic juxtaposition with spherical and geometrical qualities.

"At This Very Moment Breaking" is a moving piece for six dancers set to the extraordinary music of the Academy Award winning Gustavo Santaolalla. An expressive dance in three sections, this piece ranges emotionally from a sense of isolation to one of exuberant camaraderie.

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Company member Rachel Miller is honored to premiere "I Am Not Where She Is" to the music of The Residents, Quartetto Cetra, and Daniele Silvestri. Inspired by the façade we put on at social events, the choreography for four dancers is light and humorous.

"It is about the individual hiding behind the homogeny of social events, and the way that we put on our best face and discuss only neutral subjects despite whatever depth we may have as an individual," Ms. Miller said.

From the repertoire, Artistic Associate Michael Miller will reprise "Suggest Not", a duet danced by Mr. Miller and company member Alexis Harris to Anders Koppel's *Toccata for Vibraphone and Marimba*, performed by Safri Duo. "Suggest Not" deals with gender issues and the way we are limited by society's concept of who are. The last time it was performed, "Suggest Not" was warmly received by a sold out audience at the University Settlement in New York City.

Wellspring fans eager for a sneak peak of the *Fall Concert* can attend *Works in Progress*: a special open rehearsal from 6-7 pm in the Wellspring Theater at the Epic Center during the November 7 Art Hop. This event is free and open to the public.

The *Fall Concert* is sponsored by the Willson Insurance Agency and is supported in part by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, Bronson Health Care Group, the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$10 with student I.D. and free for children ages 5 and younger. Tickets can be purchased by calling (269)387-2300, going online to [www.millerauditorium.com](http://www.millerauditorium.com) or by visiting the Community Box Office at the Epic Center or Miller Auditorium.

Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers is southwest Michigan's only professional modern dance company. Founded in 1981 by dancer and choreographer, Cori Terry, Wellspring presents performances featuring works choreographed by Ms. Terry, company members and guest artists from around the world.

This extraordinary company of poetic and athletic dancers is committed to revealing the language of modern dance to adults and children alike. Critics have called Wellspring's work *dramatic, impassioned, seamless, compelling, exuberant, and life affirming*.

Located in the Wellspring Theater in downtown Kalamazoo's Epic Center, Wellspring offers performances, classes and outreach programs sharing the art form of modern dance. The organization's outreach and education programs serve an estimated 2,000 participants each year, including children, their families, and those with special needs.

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Annually, the company produces two feature performances, the *Fall Concert of Dance* and the *Spring Concert of Dance*. Wellspring showcases regional choreographers in the annual *Dance Forum* and brings the works of national and international guest artists possessing diverse modern dance styles to Kalamazoo through the *Alternative Dance Project*. The company also tours, and offers numerous performances, lecture/demonstrations and master classes.

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