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**Wellspring Alternative Dance Project Presents
ARENA Dances by Mathew Janczewski of Minnesota**

KALAMAZOO, MI – Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers' Alternative Dance Project proudly presents ARENA Dances by Mathew Janczewski of Minnesota, April 3-4 at 8 pm in the Wellspring Theater at the Epic Center.

Mr. Janczewski, along with three of his dancers, will arrive in Kalamazoo the week of March 30 for a residency that will include master classes, outreach workshops, performances, and receptions. Their residency will culminate with a performance of *Solo/Quartet*, a concert featuring six pieces, which, as the title implies, range from solos to quartets. Mr. Janczewski and ARENA Dances were named among *Dance Magazine's* "25 to watch" (2008), making this concert a must-see!

ARENA Dances by Mathew Janczewski "impacts viewers on a visceral and kinetic level with its exhilarating, pure, athletic movement. The company of dancers seemingly flies through the space, with exuberant physicality, whipping their bodies into precarious positions, only to break into the far reaches of the room. Mr. Janczewski's choreography has a seamless quality rooted in intelligence, thoughtfulness, and grace. Dances range from the playful to the somber, juxtaposing the intricately technical with elegant simplicity. Mr. Janczewski's distinctive movement cuts across many schools and styles of dance, combining elements to create its own unique signature that is a curious blend of the humorous, the classical and the quirky" (arena-dances.org). Formed in 1995 by Mr. Janczewski, ARENA Dances has performed both nationally and internationally in Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, Russia, and Hungary. The company performs and teaches in a variety of venues in order to reach new audiences as well as seasoned dance lovers. For more information on ARENA Dances, visit www.arena-dances.org.

Wellspring's Alternative Dance Project will take place in the Wellspring Theater at the Epic Center, April 3-4 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$20 general admission / \$10 with student ID / Free for ages 5 and younger. Tickets can be purchased by calling 269-387-2300, going online to www.millerauditorium.com, or visiting the Community Box Office at the Epic Center or Miller Auditorium.

Mr. Janczewski will teach a Master Class, which is open to the public, on April 4 from 12-1:30 pm, in the Wellspring Theater at the Epic Center. The class is free, but advance registration is required by calling 269/342-4354.

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Wellspring's Alternative Dance Project

Alternative Dance Project Presents ARENA Dances by Mathew Janczewski is sponsored by the Kalamazoo Education Association and is supported in part by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and National Endowment for the Arts. Instituted in 2001, Wellspring's highly successful *ADP* brings internationally/nationally acclaimed contemporary dance artists to Kalamazoo. Wellspring selects artists based on high artistic integrity, diversity, and unique voice within the art form. *ADP* provides the community with access to outstanding artists who otherwise might not perform in the area, and offers a bridge for first-time audience members who may experience Wellspring for the first time as a presenter. Previous *ADP* artists demonstrate Wellspring's commitment to reaching diverse audiences and have included the all African-American female dance troupe Urban Bush Women (New York), the lesbian-themed work of Alexandra Beller Dance (New York), and Butoh company GooSayTen (Japan), among others.

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.

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 state-of-the-art 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 made up of children, their families, and those with special needs.

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