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CityDance Ensemble conducts two-week concert tour to Chile

Washington, DC—**CityDance Ensemble** announces a two-week tour of Chile from May 23-June 7, 2009, funded in part by the **United States Department of State**. While in Chile, the company will teach and perform in **Talca, Temuco, Santiago, and Valparaiso**.

“Chile is a destination that we have wanted to go to since CityDance first started thinking about touring internationally,” comments **Paul Gordon Emerson**, the company’s Co-Founder and Artistic Director. “Just days after returning from our tour to the Middle East, traveling to Chile will be a real honor for us. Seeing these two parts of the world in such a close time frame will offer an unparalleled perspective, and we’re humbled to serve as cultural ambassadors to both regions.”

The tour to Chile developed largely out of a partnership with the **Chilean Embassy** and Chilean choreographer **Isabel Croxatto**. Artistic Director of Grupo Abundanza, Ms. Croxatto first came to CityDance as a guest master teacher in 2007 and later choreographed a dance for the company.

“Isabel has that grace, passion, and depth that we always look for in choreographers. And she holds a deep commitment to the environment,” notes Mr. Emerson. “It just made sense to bring her into our project on climate change and she made an exquisite work for CityDance called *Revolution of the Butterflies*. We’re looking forward to performing this piece in Isabel’s home country.”

In addition to performing *Revolution of the Butterflies* while on tour in Chile, CityDance will further highlight its commitment to climate change issues by performing Rehearsal Director & Choreographer-in-Residence **Christopher K. Morgan’s** *Thirst*, a dance about the environment and human greed. CityDance will also perform *Entangled* by Mr. Emerson, *For What Was* by **Meisha Bosma**, *Ties that Bind* by Mr. Morgan, and *Scorched* by **Kate Weare**.

About CityDance Ensemble, Inc.

CityDance Ensemble, Inc. is the parent organization to **CityDance Ensemble**, an award-winning contemporary repertory dance company; **Early Arts**, an arts outreach program for youth reaching thousands of students each year; **CityDance Education Centers**, facilities committed to excellence in dance training for youth and adults; and **FilmWORKS**, a creator and presenter of dance-on-camera. The mission of CityDance is to advance the appreciation for and participation in the art of dance through excellence in performance, education, film, and artistic innovation.