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**PHILADANCO TAKES THE STAGE  
AT THE STOCKTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Where the Arts Come Alive!*

**JANUARY 25, 2009, POMONA, NJ** --- The Philadelphia Dance Company (**PHILADANCO**) is celebrating 39 years of providing exceptional dance performances at the Stockton Performing Arts Center on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$45 and \$30 and may be ordered online at [www.stockton.edu/pac](http://www.stockton.edu/pac) or by calling the Box Office at (609) 652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and an hour and a half before the performance. For Group Sales, call (609) 652-4786.

“Philadanco’s dancers are a miracle of skill and energy... The company has built its success on the ability to do everything.” -- ***Dance Magazine***

“...electrifying: sure fervent, beautifully accomplished...” --***Miami Herald***

The original mission of the **PHILADANCO**, “to present the highest quality of professional dance performance, and to provide exceptional training for the improvement of skills for emerging professional dancers and choreographers in a nurturing environment while increasing the appreciation of dance among its many communities” has withstood time, budget cuts and the passage of 39 years.

Since its inception in 1970, **PHILADANCO** has had a significant impact on the dance world. As a cultural ambassador representing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia, its artistic direction and renowned national and international guest choreographers have developed a

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reputation of producing a dance repertory with passion, power, skill and diversity. Over the 39 years, a stellar faculty (hand picked by Joan Myers Brown has trained over 4,500 dancers in a comprehensive program achieving the highest level of technical skills in dance and performance. The unique blend of dance styles of **PHILADANCO**, and its roster of 50-60 concert performances and 45 residencies annually has made them one of the most sought after modern companies in the United States.

For our patrons with special needs, the **Stockton Performing Arts Center** offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs, and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The **Stockton Performing Arts Center**, the Jersey Shore's Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, on Jim Leeds Road in Pomona (Galloway Township). Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the Center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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