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**SEE WEST AFRICAN, HIP HOP, LATIN AND BREAK DANCE, LIVE, AT
UNIVERSAL DANCE DESTINY'S 2ND ANNUAL *HOLIDAY SHOWCASE***

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 5, 2006 – Universal Dance Destiny's (UDD) Enfinity Dancers youth team, Optimistic Crew Beakers, and UDD students will perform Hip Hop, Breaking, Latin, and African dance set to live drumming at UDD's second annual *Holiday Showcase* on Dec. 16. Invited guest artists and selected students from around the Twin Cities will also perform jazz and modern dance, beat-boxing, and spoken word in the showcase.

During the 2006 Fringe Festival in August, UDD's *African Roads*, *American Streets* performances were all the rave and sold out nearly every night. The *Holiday Showcase* will captivate audiences once again featuring an array of youth performances.

"The show features a mix of talent, energy, movement and sound that will move audiences from their seats into the spirit of the season," exclaims UDD Founder Edna Stevens Talton.

Holiday Showcase highlights include performances by Stevens Talton and such local stars as Larry Yazzie, native pride dancer; and brother Ghana, renowned West African drum teacher and performer. Another main attraction is UDD's Enfinity Dancers youth team and the Optimistic Crew Breakers, known for their ability to move with worldly intensity, rubber-band flexibility and infectious joy.

Emigrated from Liberia, Stevens Talton is accomplished in more than 10 dance styles that cross cultures, continents, and generations – including African, Reggae Dancehall, Funk, Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap, Latin, and Swing. She has appeared on MTV and BET with notable artists such as Wu-Tan Clan, Lil' Kim and Michael Jackson.

As a professional dancer and teacher, Edna founded Universal Dance Destiny in 2004 to carry out her mission to bring communities together through the art of dance, while fostering respect for various cultures' dance forms.

UDD is located in the historic Capri Theater and on the Web at <http://www.universaldancedestiny.com>. The *Holiday Showcase* will be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Capri Theater, located at 2027 West Broadway Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. on Dec. 16, 2006. General admission is \$7. Admission for children 12 and under is \$5. Food and drinks will be sold during a 15-minute intermission at the event. For more information, call UDD at 1-866-423-6967.

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