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San Angelo Civic Ballet to Conduct Elementary Outreach Pilot Program

San Angelo, Texas: The San Angelo Civic Ballet (SACB) will conduct its pilot outreach program titled "Dancing Inside-Out" tomorrow, February 17, 2011 to grades K-5 at Fort Concho Elementary. The 45 minute lecture demonstration uses dance as a way to develop elementary students' reading, comprehension, analytical and writing skills. SACB instructor, Cami Wardle, along with SACB upper level ballet students will present the program.

The Civic Ballet hopes to expand the program next fall, aligning it with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and presenting it in other area schools. The main goal of the project is to provide elementary school teachers with the training and confidence necessary to implement dance and movement into their existing academic curriculum as a means of giving their students artistic experiences and incorporating varied teaching approaches that reach all kinds of learners. Dance works as a teaching tool by reinforcing learning for auditory, linguistic, logical-mathematical, spatial, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal, and bodily-kinesthetic learners and can be easily integrated into almost any academic subject. The program will be developed so it does not interfere with valuable instruction time of a classroom but rather enhances the daily curriculum.

Ms. Wardle, who will lead the program, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in dance education from Brigham Young University (Magna Cum Laude) and taught in a similar program in Utah. Ms. Wardle holds a Utah license in secondary education and will soon be licensed in Texas. She is also a special education aide in the San Angelo ISD.

The San Angelo Civic Ballet is a non-profit 501c3 organization whose mission is *To foster creativity, self-esteem, and discipline, through dance, while encouraging participants toward joy in their art. To help people reach their full potential in dance. To reduce barriers to involvement in the art of dance. To serve our area by providing training and productions of the highest possible quality for the health and artistic welfare of the community.*

SACB offers classical dance instruction, community dance and fitness classes and produces a full season of performances each year in addition to their outreach programs. Scholarships are available for SACB Academy classes. For more information about the Ballet and its programs, go to their website at www.sanangelocivicballet.org

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