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RAINBOW TRIBE CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF DIVERSITY, DEDICATION, AND DANCE
Performs annual concert at Roxbury Community College

BOSTON: Hailed by the Boston Herald as a dance company with "youthful exuberance backed up with impressive stylistic solidity, technical facility and polish," Boston-based Rainbow Tribe presents their annual spring performance *Evolution: Celebrating 15 Years of Diversity, Dedication and Dance* from Thursday, March 22 to Sunday, March 25 at Roxbury Community College's Mainstage Theater. *Evolution* features premiere works by hip hop choreographer Ian McKenzie, who has choreographed for local hip hop group Phunk Phenomenon, as well as Rainbow Tribe Artistic Director Mary Mazzulli Perry, a former scholarship student with the Boston Ballet School.

Evolution audiences will experience the diversity of Rainbow Tribe's repertoire and the range of its dancers, according to Mazzulli Perry. "Juxtaposed throughout the program are a variety of pieces. Some are thought-provoking, some are fun and others are deeply emotional," she said. Each piece explores the evolution of a part of life including the development of human behavior, of relationships, and even of the healing process after death.

Tribe's 5th annual spring performance *Evolution* is not only an expression of life through different styles of dance and music, but also a celebration of the company's development as a 15-year non-profit organization. "*Evolution* is a journey through commonly shared lifetime milestones marked by a three part tribute to Rainbow Tribe's choreographers past, present and future," said Mazzulli Perry. "We eagerly anticipate celebrating the 15 years of diversity and unrelenting dedication that has shaped us into the dance company we are today."

All *Evolution* performances will take place at the Roxbury Community College Mainstage Theater at 1234 Columbus Ave., in Roxbury, Mass. Showtime is 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 22 to March 24, 2007. Showtime is 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, 2007. This venue is both wheelchair and T accessible (Roxbury Crossing on the Orange Line). A limited amount of discounted tickets are available online at www.artsboston.org. Tickets can also be purchased at the Bostix Booths located at Copley Square and Faneuil Hall. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students with a valid student ID, seniors and children under 12. For more information, contact rainbowtribe.org@gmail.com or call 617 769 9400.

Boston-based Rainbow Tribe was founded by the late Carleton T. Jones in 1992. Now under the leadership of Artistic Director Mary Mazzulli Perry, an original Rainbow Tribe member, Tribe celebrates diversity, fosters a universal appreciation for dance and engages audiences through the marriage of contemporary music and innovative choreography.

Over the last 15 years, Rainbow Tribe has established itself as a prominent company in the Boston community through participation in non-profit events like Project Bread's Walk for Hunger and the

American Cancer Society's Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk. Since 2002, Rainbow Tribe has partnered with D.A.R.E.® America to bring dance into metro Boston schools through the D.A.R.E.® Dance Program.

Rainbow Tribe has also performed for Boston's First Night, Bank of America's Celebrity Series "Dance Across the City Day" and the opening ceremonies of the 2004 Maccabi Games. For more information, visit Rainbow Tribe's Web site at www.rainbowtribe.org.

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