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**RAINBOW TRIBE EXPOSES PERSONAL AND SOCIETAL ISSUES THROUGH DANCE**

BOSTON, MA (2-26-08): Hailed by the Boston Herald as a dance company with "impressive stylistic solidity, technical facility and polish, "Boston-based Rainbow Tribe presents their annual spring performance *Exposé* from Friday, March 28 to Sunday, March 30, 2008 at Roxbury Community College's Mainstage Theater. *Exposé* features full slate of premiere works by company members, guest choreographers Jeffrey Louizia, Frantz Louizia and Stephanie Imbornone, as well as Rainbow Tribe Artistic Director Mary Mazzulli, a former scholarship student with the Boston Ballet School.

*Exposé* features dance performances that explore a variety of issues including war, mental illness, juvenile imprisonment and rape – some topics that may not be suitable for children under 13, said Mazzulli. "Each piece reveals the choreographer's feelings about the individual issue and challenges audiences to think about uncomfortable topics," she said. "By using spoken word, unique music from the Australian Digeridoo wind instrument and current artists like Marilyn Manson paired with diverse styles of dance, Rainbow Tribe will expose their innermost thoughts and fears in a riveting and energetic performance."

Boston natives and guest choreographers Jeffrey Louizia, Frantz Louizia and Stephanie Imbornone's piece "In The Now" explores the impact of national tragedies like 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina through a blend of modern and hip hop dance styles. "In The Now' is about the re-awakening of a humbled spirit, inspiring and embracing the present and releasing yourself from constant criticism," said Jeffrey Louizia and Imbornone. "Life is a constant journey and we have to continue to be ourselves and push through everything in our lives."

"Other premiere works present a lighthearted depiction of important topics including a comical jaunt about the after life, a fairy tale glimpse into a female dominated society and a representation of the freedom one finds when released from a troubled relationship," Mazzulli said. "There's something for everyone."

All *Exposé* performances will take place at the Roxbury Community College Mainstage Theater at 1234 Columbus Ave., in Roxbury, Mass. Showtime is 8 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, 2008. 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](http://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, children under 12 and Boston Dance Alliance Members. For more information, contact [rainbowtribe.org@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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 16 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](http://www.rainbowtribe.org).

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