

Night of Dreams Proves To Be “Dream Come True” For Many

First Semi-Annual Performing Arts Showcase Overcomes Challenges To Inspire Performers, Volunteers, Audience and Community

Raleigh, N.C, December 17, 2003 ... Night of Dreams, LLC (www.nightofdreams.org), announced today that its first annual event, held November 19th and 20th, was a success for all involved. The innovative event overcame unforeseen challenges, including tornado warnings and a gas leak in downtown Raleigh, to provide a showcase for local performing artists and to remind everyone involved that dreams can come true. After 1.5 years of planning, months of auditioning, and weeks of rehearsing - the 90-minute production ran for two nights and showcased 40 performers in a variety of musical genres, dance and artistic experiences.

The event meant something different for everyone involved. For Night of Dream's founder, Teresa Spangler, it was a chance to inspire others.

“With Night of Dreams, we set out to remind everyone that dreams really can come true - even if only for one night regardless of age or the challenges we may face in our day to day lives. One of Night of Dreams' goals is to create a collaborative and alternative venue for the rich and diverse talent in this area, and to give something back to the community,” said Spangler. “We accomplished all of this and more with our very first show. Night of Dreams is looking forward to making even more of an impact with our 2004 shows.”

For the show's performers, Night of Dreams meant the opportunity to launch their careers, to collaborate with other talented artists for the show and outside of the show and to make a contribution to the community. Here are just some examples of feedback from the cast.

“Spiritually...an awakening, and a chance to contribute to a great cause. Musically ... it was a lesson in diversity, both with artists and their art forms, a creative re-birth, and a birth as a performer. Personally, it was transforming in the way of appreciation and new friendships.”

Audience members were also touched by the production.

“Again, thanks so much for your gracious gift to me. The concert was amazing ... the reason for it truly meaningful.”

“I expected it to be good I did not expect it to be great.”

“This show is about so many things but most of all I got that Night of Dreams INSPIRES... inspires people, businesses and communities to stretch beyond what is comfortable.”

For more feedback from performers, audience members, volunteers and more, visit www.nightofdreams.org.

Night of Dreams was made possible through contributions from a number of sponsors including AVHQ/Audio Visual Services Corporation, Borders, Capital City Club, Clear Channel Communications, Jimmy Williams Productions, Six Strings Café, and the Spangler family. Costume and wardrobe designs were provided by Wilmington-based custom clothing designers LoveJesseLoveBrooke (www.lovejessielovebrooke.com) and Edge of Urge (www.edgeofurge.com).

The show's success resulted in a \$1000 donation to The Center for Child and Family Health in Durham, N.C.

About Night of Dreams, LLC

Night of Dreams is a semi-annual event of local musicians, dancers, and performers of uniquely original talent. Organized in a way reminiscent of Cirque Du Soleil™ and Riverdance™, audiences will leave astonished by the high quality of creativity found in our own neighborhood. Our ongoing search for eclectic talent ensures representation from many performance genres and will appeal to a broad market of interests. The show is backed by a 501(c3) non-profit organization (www.nightofdreams.org) and all proceeds benefit North Carolina-based charities. Night of Dreams promises to become a pivotal foundation in the cultural mosaic of North Carolina by helping grow and nurture the finest non-aligned talent available.

About The Center for Child and Family Health

Dedicated to promoting healthy children and healthy families, The Center for Child and Family Health prevents and treats the wounds of child abuse by providing direct, customized services including medical and mental health treatment, legal services and early intervention services to thousands of children. Beyond treating the child, the Center also addresses the needs of the entire family to break the cycle of child abuse before it harms another generation.

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