

## **Night of Dreams Gains Support From Corporate Sponsors, Gives Back To Community**

### ***NC Performing Arts Showcase Also Names Two New Board Members***

**Raleigh, N.C., August 26, 2004** - Night of Dreams, LLC ([www.nightofdreams.org](http://www.nightofdreams.org)), announced today that it has gained support from a number of new corporate sponsors. New sponsors for this year's showcase include Capitol Broadcasting, Progress Energy, and Time Warner Cable. Night of Dreams also has a number of returning sponsors including Capital City Club & The Cardinal Club, Jimmy Williams Productions, and Six String Café. Night of Dreams is a North Carolina based non-profit foundation dedicated to providing a showcase and building a support infrastructure for North Carolina based performing artists.

"Night of Dreams offers a unique opportunity for everyone in the triangle," said Marty Clayton, vice president of Community Relations, Progress Energy. "It is unlike any other event in the area, and is very deserving of our support."

"Last year's event exceeded my expectations," said David Sardinha, owner, Six String Café. "We didn't hesitate to offer our support again this year."

"This additional support allows Night of Dreams to offer more creative performance opportunities for talented performers in the triangle, and more venues for triangle residents to enjoy that talent," explained Teresa Spangler, Night of Dreams founder.

Auditions have already yielded incredible talent for this year's showcase, and Night of Dreams continues to add more. We are now in search of 12 of the area's best dancers. Dance auditions will be held Saturday, August 28th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Academy of Performing Arts, in Apex. Night of Dreams will also showcase several area artists including chefs displaying edible arts display. Interested chefs, dancers and graphic artists may contact [auditions@nightofdreams.org](mailto:auditions@nightofdreams.org) or call 919-363-1530 ext 3.

Night of Dreams will once again give back to the community, not only by providing a unique entertainment venue, but also by supporting other deserving organizations. Night of Dreams is pleased to announce that due to the new corporate sponsorships we've received, this year's shows will support The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County in addition to The Center For Child and Family Health of North Carolina.

"United Arts is excited by this boost for our Artists in the Schools Program and look forward to building more awareness for our program, which celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Wake schools this year," said Eleanor Jordan, CEO, United Arts Council. "Last year, the program generated more than \$255,000 to put musicians, singers, actors, dancers and a world of other artists in Wake County schools. With the help of the Night of Dreams event, we can do even more in the new school year."

Night of Dreams also added two new board members. Robbie Hardy of Silk Road Partners and Sean Witty of Red Hat join an already impressive list of community leaders serving on Night of Dreams' board of directors and advisory board.

The first Night of Dreams showcase was held in November of last year. The 90-minute production ran for two nights and showcased 40 performers in a variety of musical genres, dance and artistic experiences. This year's showcase is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, and will be held at the BTI Fletcher Center. It will feature a combination of new and returning performers with all original performances. Ticket outlets include: Capital City Club, Cardinal Club of Raleigh, Six Strings

Café of Cary, BTI Center's Box Office or call 919-363-1530 ext 3. For more information concerning tickets visit <http://www.nightofdreams.org/tickets.html>.

**About United Arts' Artists in the Schools Program**

United Arts, in partnership with the Wake County Public School system and school PTAs, annually awards matching grants to support the placement of professional artists in the classrooms—through curriculum-related residencies, workshops and performances. This program achieves more than 117,000 contact hours between artists and students in over 100 public, private and charter schools in Wake County each year. For more information, visit [www.unitedarts.org](http://www.unitedarts.org).

**About Center for Child & Family Health**

The Center for Child & Family Health improves the lives of children and their families through a collaborative approach that provides state of the art medical and mental health evaluation, treatment and support services to those who have experienced abuse, neglect, and other trauma. The Center prevents child abuse through research, education, advocacy, and by promoting the replication of its work. For more information, visit [www.ccfh-nc.medem.com/](http://www.ccfh-nc.medem.com/).

**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 a non-profit organization ([www.nightofdreams.org](http://www.nightofdreams.org)) and a portion of proceeds benefit North Carolina based charities. Night of Dreams promises to become a pivotal foundation in the cultural mosaic of North Carolina by helping to grow and nurture the finest non-aligned talent available.

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