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Folk and Traditional Dance Go Full Swing at the 4th Annual *Dance DC Festival*

Washington, D.C. – The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities will present its 4th annual **Dance DC Festival** on September 28 – September 30, 2007. The Festival celebrates the vitality of folk and traditional dance in Washington and introduces audiences to distinctive and culturally diverse dance expressions. Dancers will come alive at venues around the city in over 37 free performances and interactive workshops, including flamenco, capoeira, belly dance, hand dancing, and Asian dance. **The 3-day festival is free and open to the public.** For a complete listing of events and locations call 202-724-5613 or visit <http://dcarts.dc.gov>.

The **Dance DC Festival** opening night performances and reception is Friday, September 28^h at the National Music Center at 801 K St, NW, 6:00 pm (see attached complete schedule). Many of this year's performances will feature open dance floors for the public to join right in!

“Every ethnic community has unique dance styles to express their joys and aspirations,” says Tony Gittens, Executive Director of the DC Arts Commission. “*Dance DC* is a showcase of the incredible talent and diversity that surrounds us.” This year's festival sponsors include Vitamin Energy and WMATA.

Background: Since 1968, the **District of Columbia Commission on the Arts and Humanities** has developed and promoted local artists, organizations, and activities as part of its mission to enrich the quality of life of the people of Washington.

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