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FILM FESTIVAL

A GATHERING OF FRIENDS & FAMILY FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

The Urban Suburban Film Festival joins PHILADANCO in a joint fundraising venture for an upcoming historic celebration.

June 24, 2009, Philadelphia, PA - The Urban Suburban Film Festival in conjunction with the Philadelphia Dance Arts Fundraising Committee will be co-hosting a *Friends and Family Movie Night* at 7:30 pm on Friday, June 26, 2009 at *PHILADANCO*, 9 N. Preston Street in West Philadelphia. Proceeds will benefit the 40/50 Anniversary of Joan Myers Brown and *PHILADANCO*.

September, 2009 marks the 50th anniversary of The Philadelphia School of Dance Arts and the 40th anniversary of The Philadelphia Dance Company, better known as *PHILADANCO*.

During 1970, Joan Myers Brown founded *PHILADANCO* in response to the need to provide professional level training to talented area youth. The success of its training programs is recognized globally. *PHILADANCO* has performed to national and international acclaim and has birthed a second company called D2.

Known for its ability to produce quality events with style and grace, *PHILADANCO* has joined forces with the Urban Suburban Film Festival, whose inaugural event wrapped this past weekend at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia, PA.

The featured presentation will be the USFF 2009 Best Documentary Winner *Heart of Stone*, directed by Beth Kurvant. Before 1960, Weequahic High School (WHS) was known as one of the top schools in America. By 2000, it was one of the most violent schools in the 12th most dangerous city in the country. *Heart of Stone* is the true story of WHS's quest to return to its former glory.

The screening also serves as the kick-off of the Urban Suburban *Films on the Go Series*. Throughout the year, the USFF will bring the same powerful dynamic experienced by festival attendees to local venues across the city, providing filmmakers additional opportunities to showcase and distribute their films.

Tickets are \$8.00 per person. For additional information concerning this event, please contact Karen Pressley at 267-978-1328