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Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays! We hope this email finds you well and in good spirits as the Holiday season and the falling snow is upon us! We are truly grateful for the support and belief in our work that we have received throughout this past year.

We are writing to you now with lots of exciting news for the upcoming year. Our new company name is **Dance Box Theater, Inc.** Our amazing board of directors has approved our name change so that we may kick off the New Year with our brand new name! While our mission, goals and creative vision remain the same, we feel our new name more accurately identifies our work and reflects our creative process. We received a matching grant award of \$800 from Alternate ROOTS to assist us through this transition and we are now in the process of replacing the Dancenow website and introducing **Dance Box Theater** to our community (that's you!).

But a name is just a name! We are even more excited about all the performance opportunities we have coming up in 2010!

- In June, we will present *The Loving Project: E-Race*, which premiered last fall at Dance Place, over two weekends at Joe's Movement Emporium in Mount Rainier, Maryland. A new version of this evening-length performance examines the experiences of interracial and non-traditional partners and the impact of couples whose love for each other defied convention and changed the course of his/herstory. Please save the dates and tell your friends ~ June 11-13 and 18-20.



- We are creating a new section of *The Loving Project: E-Race* for Beth and Terence Humphrey-McKay, the interracial couple who in October 2009 were denied a marriage license from a Justice of the Peace in the State of Louisiana.
- We have been invited to present *The Loving Project: E-Race* on the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage on June 16, 2010 as the opening performance of the Dance/USA conference.
- After successful performances of an excerpt from *Haunted* at the 2009 Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Dance Base in Edinburgh, UK has invited us back across the pond and will present the full-evening ensemble version of *Haunted* for 12 performances as part of Dance Base's programming during the 2010 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August. We fell in love with Dance Base and are thrilled that they have invited us back to Edinburgh!



On the local front...

- Starting January 8, 2010, we are teaching a dance class for professional dance artists on Friday mornings from 10-11:30 am at Joe's Movement Emporium! Please join us!
- We have recently teamed with a brilliant technology artist named Lorne Covington (check out his creations at www.noirflux.com). Lorne brings a dynamic, interactive environment through projection and computer engineering to *The Loving Project: E-Race*. We've been having a blast in the studio and can't wait to show you what's cooking!

As you can see, **Dance Box Theater** is off to a great start and we could not have done it without you! Your continued support will sustain the development of our creative work, help us to further engage with community, assist with the matching requirements for our Alternate ROOTS grant award, and launch **Dance Box Theater** into an international performance arena. **Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to Dance Box Theater this year.** Donations can be made through our website www.danceboxtheater.org or checks can be made out to Dancenow Productions, Inc. (with "Dance Box Theater" in the memo) and mailed to

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We send you all our best this holiday season, cheers!

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