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MEDIA ALERT / PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

RESURRECTION THEATRE OF HAITI

WHAT:	<i>Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti</i> Grade 6 Catholic Student Presentations	
WHEN:	<u>Oakville & Burlington Elem. Schools</u> Friday, November 6, 2009	<u>Halton Hills & Milton Elem. Schools</u> Monday, November 9, 2009
WHERE:	Mother Teresa Catholic School 1190 Westview Terrace, Oakville 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	St. Brigid Catholic School 73 Miller Drive, Georgetown 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
	St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School 5070 Dryden Avenue, Burlington 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	St. Peter Catholic School 137 Dixon Drive, Milton 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

WHY: The *Resurrection Dance Theatre Troupe of Haiti* consists of boys who had been rescued from life on the streets in Haiti and now reside at St. Joseph's Home for Boys. Featuring these young men, this ensemble explores themes of human rights and liberation, while celebrating the history and culture of Haiti through dance. The troupe uses the arts to build and express self-esteem, incorporating drumming, dance, song, and the visual arts. It has performed across the United States and Canada in an effort to share the stories of their life experience, while educating people about the realities in Haiti and raising funds for both the ongoing work of St. Joseph's Home for Boys and Trinity House - a home for disabled children. Although there is no charge for the performance, donations are appreciated and the boys will be selling Haitian crafts to support their worthwhile cause.

Mary Tessari, Superintendent of Staff Development and Faith Formation and Corpus Christi Family of Schools, Halton Catholic District School Board, notes that "this dynamic and energetic presentation will help to increase the understanding of our Grade 6 students of their call to service and the need to seek social justice, which reflects the tenets of our Board's 2009-2011 Focus on Faith initiative."

NOTE: A **community performance** of the *Resurrection Dance Theatre Troupe* will be co-sponsored by the Halton Catholic District School Board and the Burlington Caribbean Connection at **Corpus Christi Catholic Secondary School**, 5150 Upper Middle Road, Burlington, on **Friday, November 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.

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For further information and to arrange a photo opportunity, please contact:

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The Halton Catholic District School Board
And
The Burlington Caribbean Connection
Presents...



The Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti

Don't miss this!
Free Admission
for all!

November 6th , Corpus Christi Secondary

5150 Upper Middle Road , Burlington 7:30 p.m..

A goodwill offering will be taken up during the performance.

The St. Joseph Family is a family of children's homes and programs in Haiti. They have two homes for former street boys — St. Joseph's Home for Boys, in Petionville, and Trinity House, in Jacmel. They also have a home for physically and mentally challenged children and young adults in Fermathe.

The St. Joseph Family has several outreach programs, including Lekòl Sen Trinite, a school for the poorest children in Jacmel; St. Joseph's Arts Center; and the Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti.

The children of Lekol Sen Trinite receive their school kits. Education breaks the cycle of poverty and gives hope!



This year 8 new dancers will tour southern Ontario schools and communities to perform and fundraise for the needs of the poor in Haiti. Proceeds from this tour will assist in the completion of Lekol Sen Trinite. These young men tell the story of Haiti through dance—both traditional and contemporary. We will welcome: Didi, Reginald, Roland, Jacky, Eddy, Gerald, Lele, Tiboudo and Peter Eyvindson their narrator and one of our very own Canadian authors!

Please support the fundraising events for the dancers. Haitian items and copies of the latest book "Shine!" will also be on sale after the performances. All proceeds will go directly to the children of Haiti

