

CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER  
PROCLAMATION 2-2009

*JOE'S MOVEMENT EMPORIUM*

*Proclamation*

*Whereas*, in 1992, World Arts Focus was launched as a catalyst for community arts programming in Washington, DC; and

*Whereas*, in 1995, the organization relocated to Mount Rainier, Maryland, and merged with a local dance studio called Joe's Movement Emporium; and

*Whereas*, in 1998, the leadership of Joe's became active in the creation of Maryland's first Arts and Entertainment District; and

*Whereas*, the mission of Joe's Movement Emporium is to serve as the Community Performing Arts Center of World Arts Focus, a 501© 3 non-profit arts organization whose mission is to promote participation and practice in dance, movement, and world performance traditions, while using programs to revitalize the surrounding community; and

*Whereas*, the goals of Joe's Movement Emporium are to promote education, production and artist services through programs which fulfils its mission and artistic vision; and

*Whereas*, Joe's Movement Emporium adheres to major objectives that include providing culturally diverse programs dedicated to the study and presentation of performing arts traditions from around the world, supporting a growing local arts industry by sharing resources, studio space, and administrative services; providing jobs and creative space for local artists, educators, and teens; engaging patrons to participate in civic activities and programs involving community-wide support; providing free or reduced-cost programs and performances to low-income families or to community members traditionally unable to access high-quality arts programming; and offering a haven for local youth to learn about the arts and technical aspects of production; and

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*Whereas*, Joe's Movement Emporium promotes educational activities that include but is not limited to Club Joe's, an arts and learning after-school program serving children ages 5 through 13 for 37 weeks of the academic year; a Summer Arts Camp, Youth Performance Ensembles, Partnering Artists with Classroom Teachers (PACT), an in-school residency program that provides arts instruction as part of the regular classroom curriculum for local elementary and middle schools; and

*Whereas*, Joe's Movement Emporium also has a production component of its programmatic activities that include but is not limited to 3-D Productions, an arts and entertainment program of 25 events per year of field trips to area cultural programs and life skills workshops; Joe's Theatre Tech Project (TTP) a workforce development program to provide training in theatre tech and successful job placement; Joe's Presents, a performance series that includes affiliated artists and touring performance groups.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*** that the City of Mount Rainier Maryland acknowledges the importance of Joes Movement Emporium and its significant contribution to the city.

***BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED*** that Joe's Movement Emporium is being recognized and honoured for its activities which promote a healthy environment for future artists and youth and for the recent opening of its Meyer Performance Theater.

***BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED*** that the City of Mount Rainier's Mayor and Council urges all citizens to celebrate Joe's Movement Emporium Day in Mount Rainier on this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 by visiting the facility located at 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mount Rainier, Maryland and/or signing up for one of its magnificent classes.

Proclaimed by the Mayor and Council of the City of Mount Rainier, Maryland this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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**Attest:**

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