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SODC Presents Black History Month Retrospective in Conjunction with 10th Anniversary

Houston, January 31, 2008 – Sandra Organ Dance Company (SODC) is pleased to present a retrospective of a decade's dance programming to mark Black History Month and the company's 10th anniversary. Performances will be held at the Barnevelder Movement Arts Complex during the week of February 22 through 29.

The dance repertoire will include excerpts from the following works:

- *Carver* – based on the contributions of renowned scientist George Washington Carver
- *Sojourner* – based on Sojourner Truth's *Battle Hymn*, a tribute to the black regiments of the Civil War
- *Dogan* - the autobiographical account of Sandra Organ's search for information about her great uncle, and a tribute to the black newspapers that helped her uncover his story
- *Suite Louis* – featuring Louis Armstrong's *Mack the Knife* and *Dream a Little Dream of Me*
- *Song of Mary* – incorporating seven poems by Lucille Clinton, professor of humanities at St. Mary's College and former Maryland Poet Laureate
- *Phenomenal Women* – based on Maya Angelou's *Phenomenal Woman*
- *Douglass* – a newly choreographed collaboration between Sandra Organ and InterActive Theatre based on Frederick Douglass
- *There is a Time* – Jose Limon's 1956 work based on Ecclesiastes 3 set to the music of Norman Dello Joio

"We've titled our 10th Anniversary as the 'Season to Remember,'" said Sandra Organ Solis, SODC Founding Artistic Director. "These excerpts reflect a broad spectrum of black history, and it seemed appropriate to add Limon's *There is a Time* as a classic work in a season of retrospectives."

Performance details are:

- Friday, February 22 7:30 pm
- Saturday, February 23 7:30 pm
- Sunday, February 24 2:30 pm
- Friday, February 29 7:30 pm
- The Barnevelder Movement Arts Complex is located at 2201 Hutchins at Preston
- Advanced prepaid ticket sales by phone to 713-529-1819 or online at www.barnevelder.org
- Ticket prices are \$10 for children and seniors and \$15 for general admission
- For more performance information, call 713-225-0677 or visit www.organdance.org

SODC's performances of *There is a Time* have been underwritten by the City of Houston's City's Initiative Program through the Houston Arts Alliance, Houston Endowment, and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

About Sandra Organ Dance Company

Now celebrating its 10th Anniversary Season, the Sandra Organ Dance Company (SODC) is a contemporary ballet ensemble founded to promote contemporary dance, educate the public, and attract diverse audiences. Established in 1997 by Sandra Organ, a former soloist with Houston Ballet, SODC choreographs and performs works that tell the stories of past and present. SODC dance themes have explored the complexity of race relations in American history, educated about organ donation, and they also have featured choreography to the diverse music and poetry of Duke Ellington, Dmitri Shostakovich, Bobby McFerrin, U2, Maya Angelou, Pablo Neruda, and others. For more information, visit www.organdance.org

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