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**PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY RETURNS TO THE EISEMANN CENTER  
FOR ONE PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009, AT 8 PM**

**RICHARDSON, TX** – The **Paul Taylor Dance Company**, established in 1954, is a national treasure and one of the world's most sought-after dance troupes. Mr. Taylor has become an American cultural icon, a living legend and one of history's most celebrated artists. His two dance companies (Taylor 2 was created in 1993) travel the globe, bringing his ever-burgeoning repertoire to theaters and venues of every size and description in cultural capitals, on college campuses and in rural communities — and often to places modern dance has never been seen before.

The **Paul Taylor Dance Company** was first seen at the Eisemann Center in October 2002, performing among other works, the critically acclaimed *Dreamgirls*, commissioned by the City of Richardson to commemorate the Eisemann Center opening. The company returned again in 2004 and 2007, bringing works that represent the gold standard of modern dance. Featured in the 2009 performance will be *Esplanade (1975)*, *Mercuric Tidings (1982)* and *Scudorama*, a classic Taylor dance created in 1963 that is being restored for the 2009 season.

*Scudorama* was made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts' American Masterpieces: Dance Initiative, administered by the New England Foundation for the Arts.

The performance on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 8:00 pm continues the 2008-2009 season of **Eisemann Center Presents' Spotlight Series**. Tickets range from \$27-\$57 and are available online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. Group discounts are available for 10 or more people by calling 972-744-4657.

A Master Class will be held Friday, March 20 at 7:00 pm in the Countrywide Theatre. For a limited number of advanced dancers only, class admission is \$20 and reservations must be made in advance online or at the Eisemann Center Ticket Office by phone 972-744-4650. Observers will be welcome at the Master Class for a \$5 fee payable at the door by cash or check. An Open Educational Rehearsal offering a behind-the-scenes look at the company and the Taylor repertoire will be held for a limited number of participants on Saturday, March 21 at 3:15 pm with free admission for those with performance tickets. There will be a \$10 fee to see the rehearsal if not attending the evening performance. A pre-performance discussion will also be offered at 7:10 pm in the Hill Performance Hall prior to the 8:00 pm performance.

This presentation of **Paul Taylor Dance Company** is supported by Mid-America Arts Alliance with generous underwriting by the National Endowment for the Arts, Texas Commission on the Arts, and foundations, corporations and individuals throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located in the Galatyn Park Urban Center at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. The Eisemann Center is easily accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. Sponsors for the 2008-2009 Season include *The Dallas Morning News*, WFAA-TV and the radio sponsor for this production is WRR Classical 101.1 FM. Ticket sponsor is PegasusNews.com.

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