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PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY RETURNS TO THE EISEMANN CENTER
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2010 AT 8:00 PM WITH THE
WORLD PREMIERE OF A NEW TAYLOR WORK

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, celebrating his 80th birthday in July 2010, 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 areas — 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 *Dream Girls*, commissioned by the City of Richardson to commemorate the Eisemann Center opening. The company returned again in 2004, 2007 and 2009, bringing works that represent the gold standard of modern dance. This 2010-11 Season engagement will be the company's fifth appearance at the Eisemann Center. John Tomlinson, Managing Director of the Paul Taylor Dance Foundation, observed: "It is a real pleasure to know we are able to continue our strong relationship with the Eisemann Center by having a second work by Paul Taylor premiering at your theater."

Featured in the 2010-11 program will be *Company B* (1991), *Brief Encounters* (2009) and the **WORLD PREMIERE** of a new work by Paul Taylor that goes into rehearsal in August. Mr. Taylor has chosen to premiere the work at the Eisemann Center because of the close relationship between the two organizations. That relationship led to Managing Director Bruce MacPherson and *Eisemann Center Presents* being honored at the Paul Taylor Dance Foundation gala in 2006 as an "Exemplary Presenter." New works are usually premiered in New York City during the regular Taylor season at City Center or at a venue specified in a commission.

The performance on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 8:00 pm opens the 2010-2011 Season of *Eisemann Center Presents' Spotlight Series*. Tickets range from \$30-\$60 and are available online at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. **Spotlight Series** and **Focus Mini-Series** subscriptions are on sale now. *Eisemann Center Presents* offers group discounts for 10 or more people for all shows by calling 972-744-4657 for personalized concierge service.

A Master Class will be held on Friday, October 29, 2010 in the Bank of America Theatre at 7:00 pm. For a limited number of advanced dancers only, reservations must be made in advance online or at the Eisemann Center Ticket Office by phone at 972-744-4650. There is a \$20 fee to participate in the class. Observers will be admitted to the Master Class for a \$5 fee payable online or at the door by cash or check. An open Educational Rehearsal offering a behind-the-scenes look at the company and the program for the evening will be held for a limited number of participants on Saturday, October 30 at 2:30 pm with free admission for those with performance tickets. There will be a \$10 fee to see the rehearsal if not attending the public performance. Details will be available on the website.

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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 2010-2011 Season include ViewPoint Bank, Friends of the Richardson Library, Opportunity Bank, the Richardson Woman's Club, *The Dallas Morning News*, WFAA-TV and the radio sponsor for this production is WRR Classical 101.1 FM. The Eisemann Center ticket sponsor is PegasusNews.com.

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