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VCU Dance 2008-2009 presents **ANTARES DANZA CONTEMPORÁNEA**

Based in Hermosillo, Mexico, company will perform *TU HOMBRO*

Richmond, VA---The Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Dance and Choreography will present **ANTARES Danza Contemporánea**, of Hermosillo, Mexico, performing new work by Artistic Director Miguel Mancillas: *Tu Hombro* ("Your Shoulder"). Friday and Saturday, **October 24 & 25, 2008 at 8:00 PM at the Grace Street Theatre**, 934 West Grace Street. Tickets are \$20 for the general public and \$10 for VCU students with a valid I.D. Tickets can be reserved beginning Monday, October 13th by calling the Grace Street Theatre Box Office at **(804) 828-2020**.

An independent contemporary dance company founded in Mexico in 1987, Antares Danza Contemporánea dives into the passions of the human soul to spill them over on stage. The group will perform ***Tu Hombro*** ("Your Shoulder"), the latest work by Artistic Director Miguel Mancillas, in which the metaphor of the shoulder, with three true joints and two false, translates to human behavior as portrayed through demanding physicality and intense expressiveness.

Though the choreography of Antares Danza Contemporánea stems from Miguel Mancillas, the actual business of creating dance is carried out collectively by the company. The collaborative process is evident in the meshing of dance styles that melds temperaments, intelligences and instructions in one organic body. Through performance, teaching and community engagement during their residency, the unique ensemble will demonstrate their Mexican cultural heritage, individual artistic voices and unique perspectives culled from their own life experiences.

Miguel Mancillas visits VCU Dance for a fall, 2008 one-week teaching residency culminating in the Antares performance. In conjunction with this residency, the Dance Department has identified outreach partnerships with organizations such as the Richmond Ballet, the Latin Ballet of Virginia, and the Richmond City Public Schools Arts and Humanities program in order to root the project deeply within the Richmond community.

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The presenting program of VCU Dance is committed to building and engaging dance audiences in the University and Richmond community while providing opportunities for artists to present and create work. Recognized by professional dancers and choreographers as “a place where things are happening,” Virginia Commonwealth University’s Department of Dance and Choreography offers a vibrant and stimulating atmosphere where students prepare for careers in dance.

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