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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Telephone Dance Project's D.C. Tour Includes a Weekend Full of Dance

Washington D.C. - February 13th, 2014 - Telephone Dance Project (TDP), a long-distance dance collaboration, brings their unique site-specific improvisational performances to D.C. in a weekend full of dance. TDP will host an Improvisation Workshop at Dance Place, a Site-Specific Dance Exploration at the National Portrait Gallery, and a Salon-Style Show at Brookland Artspace from March 28-29th, 2014.

The weekend will kick off with an **Improvisation Workshop** on Friday, March 28th from 6:30-8:30pm at Dance Place taught by members of TDP. Open to all levels of experience, the workshop will introduce participants to some of the improvisational tools that TDP uses to create their long-distance, site-specific works. Participants will be able to try out some of the movements and ideas TDP will use to create a performance open to public participation at the National Portrait Gallery. Register for the workshop early at www.danceplace.org.

On Saturday, March 29th, TDP invites the public to take in the *Dancing the Dream* exhibition currently on display at the National Portrait Gallery. This self-guided tour from 11-3pm will include an open rehearsal by the Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company. Then join TDP in the Kogod Courtyard as they create an open-to-the-public **Site-Specific Dance Experience** from 3-4pm. Taking inspiration from the exhibition *Dancing the Dream*, and TDP's own methods of creation, the members of TDP will lead a series of simple movement improvisations to create a work of art on the spot. Participants will look, listen, and move their way into a deeper understanding of the art that exists all around them.

Finally, put on your evening look, head down to the Brookland Artspace Lofts, and enjoy a glass of wine as you watch performances by TDP, Mountain Empire and special guest artists. Visual art by Catholic University Art Students will be on display in the Brookland Artspace Gallery. **Telephone Dance Project's Salon-Style Show** will happen at 7:30pm in an informal setting with dialogue encouraged. You must be on the guest list to enter. More info at telephonedanceproject.blogspot.com.

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The **Telephone Dance Project (TDP)** turns the game of "telephone" into a long-distance collaboration tool. Collaborators **Katie Drake** of D.C., **Eliza Larson** of Massachusetts, **Rachel Rugh** of Virginia, and **Barbara Tait** of Pennsylvania create choreographic material, transcribe it to the page and send it to the next collaborator via snail mail. With each reinterpretation, the movement changes incrementally until it barely resembles the original phrase. The material generated is then used to create an improvisational score, directed by a different participant in each performance location. TDP uses their long-distance collaboration to create original works uniting far-flung dance communities and create affordable artistic events for new audiences.

2013-2014 TDP performances will happen across the East Coast, starting in Northampton, MA, traveling through Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and ending in Asheville, NC. The dance emerges anew each time it is performed: duration, sound/music and creative choices depend on the specific place and time occupied by the participants. More information at telephonedanceproject.blogspot.com.

CALENDAR LISTING:

What: **Improvisation Workshop with Telephone Dance Project**
Learn improvisational tools that TDP uses to create their long-distance site-specific works. All levels welcome.

When: **Friday, March, 28th, 6:30-8:30pm**

Where: **Dance Place**, DP2 Studio at Brookland Artspace Lofts
3305 8th St NE, Washington, D.C., 20017

Cost: \$20 general/\$15 students and seniors
Register at Danceplace.org or by calling 202-269-1600

What: **Site-Specific Dance Experience with Telephone Dance Project**
The dance collaboration, TDP, invites you to watch or participate in a site-specific dance experience. Optional self-guided tour of Dancing the Dream will take place 11-3pm.

When: **Saturday, March, 29th, 3:00-4:00pm**

Where: **National Portrait Gallery**, Kogod Courtyard
8th and F Streets NW, Washington, D.C., 20001

Cost: FREE

What: **Telephone Dance Project's Salon-Style Show**
Performances by TDP, Mountain Empire and special guest artists.

When: **Saturday, March, 29th, 7:30pm**

Where: **Brookland Artspace Lofts**, Gallery and Dance Studio
3305 8th St NE, Washington, D.C., 20017

Cost: Must be on the Guest List. Info at telephonedanceproject.blogspot.com

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