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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Local, Regional Dancers Partner For Charity,  
Bring World Dance To San Diego**

SAN DIEGO, CA - On January 23, 2010, from 4-6pm, some of California's most accomplished dancers will collaborate to host "Portraits of Dance", an annual charity exhibition featuring a variety of dance forms from around the world, all to benefit Community Outreach programs at Mission Valley YMCA. The event, in its sixth year, will be held at San Diego City College's Saville Theater at 1313 Park Blvd, at the corner of C St and 14<sup>th</sup> St.

The dance features diverse performances from ballet (San Diego Ballet) and belly-dancing (Sahar Dance Company) to "World Dance" (Babylon Mood) and Break-dancing (Danger Dat of the Pho Bangers). The afternoon will also showcase Todd Martin and Marizabel Arango, a husband-wife team who are among the most popular tango performing/teaching duos in California. Together as *Tango Alma*, they have performed and received awards from around the world including the House of Argentina Millennium Commission Award for Outstanding Dedication to the Dance and Music of Tango in 2000. They have since performed around the country and locally, recently appearing with the San Diego Symphony. In addition to being a long time YMCA member, Mr. Martin is a doctor and professional flautist.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 after January 18<sup>th</sup>, and are available by phone or in person at the Member Service Desk of any Mission Valley YMCA location. For more information, contact Maryann Nowell, 619-298-3576.

*Tango Alma* and select performers are available for interviews/demos.  
Contact Sidd Vivek (619-666-1307) for more information.