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ContempraDance Theatre's Rappin SugarPlum Fairy Returns in the Hilarious, "Philly-Nutt-Crak-Up"

WHEN: December 12-14 2008
WHERE: Painted Bride Arts Center
230 Vine Street
Philadelphia Pa.

Our Rappin SugarPlum Fairy is back in Philly with her battling Hip Hoppin Rats, City Hall Dolls, Captain Philadelphia and Liberty Belle-Anne for another season of the hilarious holiday dance spoof, *Philly-Nutt-Crak-Up*. Philly-Nutt is an original story and rap with a unique twist on the well-known holiday favorite, the Nutcracker, combining comedy, hip hop, jazz, modern and ballet dance. *Philly-Nutt-Crak-Up* is filled with references to local Philadelphia places, personalities, foods and skylines. ContempraDance Theatre is the only Dance Company in the Philadelphia area to bring this top-notch hilarious holiday dance spoof to local audiences. Choreography is by Artistic Director Gail Vartanian and Michelle Jones Wurtz. Music by Fatboy Slim, James Brown, Cindy Lauper, Flight Crank, Leonard Bernstein, Tchaikovsky and lots more. You can't miss this one! It's great for all ages. The Theatre has added more shows this year due to its popularity. Evening performances are December 12 & 13 at 8:00 pm. Matinee performances are December 13, 2:30 pm and December 14, 12:30 & 4:30 pm. There is a post reception wine & hors d'oeuvres party on Friday, December 12, (price includes the 8:00 performance and post party reception.) Meet the Rappin SugarPlum Fairy and her crazy Philly-Nutt cast.

Described by the Palm Beach Post as "powerful and bold" and "a vibrant addition to the dance scene", ContempraDance Theatre seamlessly blends elements of classical and contemporary styles with a jazzy, "street" verve in bringing its captivating performances to local, national and international audiences. The company's eclectic repertoire employs original music, video art, innovative lighting and set designs along with new choreography for maximum audience impact. ContempraDance Theatre's 15th season will include original choreography by Artistic Director and founder Gail Vartanian and Assistant Director Michelle Jones-Wurtz. The company captivates audiences through its artistic innovation and explosive performances year-round, both locally and abroad. "Breathtakingly flawless," "Vartanian's brilliant choreography shines," Suburban Wayne Times.

Tickets for the performance are **\$28** for adults and **\$22** for students and children. Friday post performance reception is **\$50**. Discounts are available for groups of 20 or more. Order tickets online at www.paintedbride.org or call **215.925.9914**. For more info call ContempraDance Theatre at **610-225-3007**. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. More information is available at the theatre's web site, www.contempradancetheatre.org.