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FINE ARTS DIVISION PRESENTS ITS SPRING CHORAL AND DANCE SHOWCASE

Marshall, Mo. (April 19, 2010)—The Missouri Valley College fine arts division will hold its *Spring Choral and Dance Showcase* at 7:30 p.m. nightly from April 22-24 in the Eckilson-Mabee Theatre on the MVC campus.

The event features the Valley Connection Show Choir, MVC Singers, and MVC Repertory Dance Ensemble.

The Valley Connection is a 17 member show choir directed by Diana Malan, assistant professor of music and theatre, and choreographed by MVC Dance Coach Landon Alexander.

The group will perform music from several pop legends including the Beatles and Queen, and will also feature a special tribute to Michael Jackson. Valley Connection's musical selections include "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," "Blackbird," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Thriller," "Will You Be There," and several others.

Valley Connection auditioned and was selected to perform at Walt Disney World in Florida in May.

"We're excited about the trip and the opportunity to perform for an international audience," Malan said.

MVC Singers is made up of 17 students from the MVC Concert Choir. The group will be performing "Up to the Mountain" by Patty Griffin. The song's lyrics are that of a speech Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave the day before he died. Other selections include "Steal Away," "Summertime," and "Coney Island Baby."

The Repertory Dance Ensemble will perform five pieces, which includes contemporary, modern, and jazz style dance. Alexander is this year's guest artist.

The group performances include: "Wish You Were Here," and "Live, Laugh, Dream, Love," choreographed by Jessica Shobe, a senior repertory dance member; "The New Kids," choreographed by Charlique Rolle, a junior repertory dance member; "Sesso en Tre Atti," choreographed by guest artist Alexander; and a tribute to Michael Jackson, choreographed by Janie Ross, assistant professor of dance.

"The students have put in a lot of time to make this show entertaining for everyone," Ross said. "We performed half of our Michael Jackson tribute at another event on campus and received a lot of positive feedback, so we're ready to perform the whole piece this time."

This event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 7 p.m. for seating. For more information about the *Spring Choral/ Dance Showcase* or the fine arts department contact Diana Malan at (660) 831-4215 or maland@moval.edu.

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