

**Local Ballet School Exposes South Memphis Youth to Modern Dance and Ballet  
*Partnership between PremCor Refining, Ballet On Wheels, Theatre of Dance, and  
Creative Life Preparatory School***

(October 2, 2004 – MEMPHIS, TENN.) - South Memphis students will have the opportunity to learn and perform modern dance and ballet through “*Opening The Doors To Dance Program*”. This program is made possible by a partnership between Premcor Refining, Ballet On Wheels, Theatre of Dance, and Creative Life Preparatory Schools.

Chauniece Conner, artistic director of Ballet On Wheels, is very optimistic about the eight-week program and is committed to giving back to her community. “Over the Summer, we awarded dance scholarships for students to attend Ballet On Wheels, Theatre of Dance. Opening The Doors to Dance Program is an excellent opportunity for me to further expose students to an art form that they otherwise may not have the opportunities to experience without this program. I am looking forward to expanding their minds and creativity through Modern Dance and Ballet, as an art.”

Cheri Wells, Principal of Creative Life Preparatory School, said her students are anticipating a thrilling eight-week period. “How excited we are at Creative Life Preparatory School to have the opportunity to work with Chauniece Conner. It is our desire and the desire of our partner in education, Premcor Refining, to expose our students to varied art expressions. Indeed, “Opening The Doors to Dance” will accomplish such a goal.”

### **About Ballet On Wheels, Theatre of Dance**

Ballet On Wheels, Theatre of Dance is a novel, non-profit classical ballet dance school and company. Students receive progressive instruction in the art form and theory of classical ballet. BOW's main studio is located at TheatreWorks, 2085 Monroe, Memphis, Tennessee.