

May 20, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to submit a recommendation on behalf of Rennie Harris Awe-inspiring Works (RHAW). RHAW performed as part of the Kimmel Center's Annual Summer Solstice two seasons ago attracting a strong and diverse audience. After the show the RHAW dancers continued to thrill as they moved off stage and did a freestyle post show performance among the crowd throughout the Commonwealth Plaza.

Summer Solstice is an event that allows the Kimmel Center to present local and regional artists on the Kimmel Center stages in our multiple spaces at the same time. Featured art forms for this all night event include dance, theater, film, and classical and contemporary music. Three to four thousand people attend Solstice annually.

The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts has a long and wonderful history with both Rennie Harris PUREMOVEMENT (RHPM) and RHAW. This past season the Kimmel Center commissioned RHPM to create HEAVEN which had its world premiere in the Philadelphia International Festival of the Arts. Post show, Dr. Harris participated in a creative discussion moderated by Dr. Brenda Dixon-Gottschild which was an inside look at the creation and inspiration for HEAVEN. We will be working again with RHAW as part of Summer Solstice this June. Their power to communicate through contemporary street dance is an exciting and Awe-inspiring experience for our Kimmel Center patrons.

Sincerely,



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