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**State Street Dance Studio dancers perform
in Dance for Life Chicago's 20th
Anniversary concert**

Geneva, IL: State Street Dance Studio, located at 9 N. 4th Street in Geneva, was honored to be invited to perform for Dance for Life Chicago AIDS Benefit Concert this past weekend. Dancers were picked to be apart of the opening number of the show and dance next to Dean Richards, WGN entertainment reporter and renowned film/entertainment critic as he came on stage with a grand entrance with two showgirls to open the show. These dancers had the amazing opportunity to set foot on the Auditorium Theater's stage in downtown Chicago and represented the 20 years of Dance for Life by wearing the show's 20th Anniversary t-shirts on stage.

Over the past 30 years, many communities have been heavily impacted by HIV/AIDS, Chicago's dance community has been no exception. In the late 1980's, current DFL producer Keith Elliot had the remarkable idea to put on a dance concert to benefit these dancers that were impacted. The first Dance for Life, featuring dance partner companies; Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Theater and River North Company Dance Company premiered at the Organic Theatre in June, 1991. Every seat was sold out! Over the past 20 years, Dance for Life has grown to become the largest dance performance-based HIV/AIDS fundraising events in the Midwest. Since its founding, every annual performance has sold out. In total, over \$4 million dollars in the fight against HIV/AIDS has been raised.

This year was no exception to the sold out crowd of 4,000 people as they gathered in the large historic Auditorium Theater in Chicago. The original Dance for Life dance companies performed uplifting choreography as well as world premieres showcased by Harrison Mc Eldowney and Randy Duncan, both well known choreographers throughout the world. All proceeds from the show go to the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. Once again, it was an honor for students at State Street Dance

to be a part of this amazing event. As Dean Richards had stated “This is the best dance performance you will ever see!”

State Street Dance Studio

State Street Dance Studio opened its doors for the sole purpose of reaching students of all ages and abilities to do good work and to pay it forward to others. This Studio encourages both faculty and students to raise the bar for themselves, reach out further and try to put their best foot forward. We at State Street Dance Studio offer a wide variety of classes including Ballet, Pointe, Character, Theater Dance, Tap, Modern, Hip Hop, Jazz, Ballroom, Pilates, Nia, and Yoga. We offer many classes for adults, as well as children.

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