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**THE AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL  
BREAKS EVEN IN 2009**

**Durham, N.C.** – The American Dance Festival (ADF) is pleased to announce that it has a balanced budget for its fiscal year concluding September 30, 2009. The balanced budget was made possible by a 2009 budget reduced by 16% from 2008, increased ticket sales on a per performance basis, and a successful result from the end of the fiscal year public appeal.

The ADF realizes that these are challenging economic times for everyone and remains deeply touched and grateful to its patrons, funders, and community partners for their profound support this past season.

The ADF celebrated its 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past summer with the 2009 Season, *Where Ballet and Modern Meet*, which included performances at the Durham Performing Arts Center and Duke University's Reynolds Industries Theater. The ADF continued to meaningfully contribute to the local economy and enhance the lives of those in the Durham community and beyond with programs ranging from pre-performance talks and a *free* site-specific work at Golden Belt, to an online video blog and numerous community engagement events.

*Founded in 1934 in Bennington, Vermont, the ADF remains an international magnet for choreographers, dancers, teachers, students, critics, musicians, and scholars to learn and create in a supportive environment. ADF's wide range of programs includes performances, artist services, humanities projects, publications, community outreach, educational programs and classes, archives, media projects, and national and international projects. ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for over 75 years. www.americandancefestival.org*

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