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Dance Kaleidoscope brings education and entertainment

Family Arts Series offers free admission, outdoor entertainment and family fun

INDIANAPOLIS – White River State Park is hosting Indiana's premier contemporary dance company, Dance Kaleidoscope (DK) and Bongo Boy Music School, as part of the free Family Arts Series. DK will take the stage on Saturday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. to lead an interactive educational session and two professional performances.

DK will begin with “The Dance Show,” which explores the four basic elements of dance—shapes, space, patterns and rhythm through short dances, designed and choreographed to focus on each specific element, one at a time. Dancers, with the help of audience members, demonstrate the various elements and perform examples to a wide range of music. DK will also invite children of all ages on stage to perform, “Every Day We Write a Dance.”

Jan Virgin, executive director of Dance Kaleidoscope reflected on the educational performance by DK at the 2008 Family Arts Series. “The oldest *child* was 75 years old and the youngest was two. It was emotional to see the diversity on stage, all working together to create dance,” she said.

DK will conclude the show with professional pieces. The arrangement includes “Sophisticated Ellington” to the music of Duke Ellington. It is a show the whole family can enjoy.

Come early at 5:15 p.m. to take part in Bongo Boy Music School’s Drumming Circle in Celebration Plaza. All ages and talent levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Drums will be provided by Bongo Boy Music School and Remo.

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Artist, Anthony Radford from Young Audiences of Indiana will be creating an abstract community banner. Families can participate in the making of the banner which will be displayed in White River State Park's Visitor Center.

Picnics, blankets and lawn chairs are all encouraged. Celebration Amphitheater and Celebration Plaza are both handicap accessible. The Family Arts Series is made possible by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation and the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

The Family Arts Series will feature free shows where the grass grows all summer long. Bring the whole family, blankets and picnic baskets to the outdoor Celebration Amphitheater at White River State Park. Food and drinks will be available for purchase on site. For more information and the rain date location, visit www.INwhiteriver.com or call 317-233-2434.

Family Arts Series Performances:

Saturday, July 25 6:00 p.m.	Dance Kaleidoscope
Friday, July 31 8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare by Heartland Actors' Repertory Theatre
Saturday, August 1 8:00 p.m.	Shakespeare by Heartland Actors' Repertory Theatre
Saturday, August 15 6:00 p.m.	Orkestra Projekt
Saturday, August 29 7:00 p.m.	Jazz in the Park with Cathy Morris & friends

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