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LUNA NEGRA DANCE THEATER RETURNS TO RAVINIA FESTIVAL WITH THE WORLD PREMIERE OF *DON QUIXOTE DANCES*

Chicago—**Luna Negra Dance Theater**, Chicago's premier professional dance company devoted to the creation and performance of Latino contemporary dance, is delighted to return to **Ravinia Festival** on **June 9, 2005** with the **World Premiere** of *Don Quixote Dances* choreographed by artistic director **Eduardo Vilaro**. *Don Quixote Dances* is part of Ravinia Festival's *One Score, One Chicago*, which celebrates this year the 400th anniversary of the publication of the first part of Cervantes' *Don Quixote De La Mancha*.

Artistic Director Eduardo Vilaro created an enchanting suite of dances inspired by Don Quixote, the legendary Spanish hero. Set to songs by Maurice Ravel and Jacques Ibert, Vilaro explores the relationship between man and woman and reflects on how fantasy and dream transform reality. *Don Quixote Dances* will be accompanied by baritone **Stephen Salters** and **President and CEO of Ravinia Festival Welz Kauffman** on piano, continuing a rich collaboration with Ravinia Festival.

What: *Don Quixote Dances* – WORLD PREMIERE
Date: Thursday, June 9 at 8:00pm
Location: Ravinia Festival, Martin Theatre
Tickets: \$20. Tickets may be purchased at Ravinia Box Office at 847-266-5100 or www.ravinia.org.

Luna Negra Dance Theater creates, performs and teaches contemporary dance by Latino choreographers. It is the only professional dance company in Chicago that provides contemporary Latino dance artists with a vehicle to tell their own stories and carry the culture of their communities. Luna Negra's distinctive style artfully blends ballet and modern dance movements strongly flavored by Latin and Afro-Caribbean dance forms. **For more information about Luna Negra Dance Theater visit www.lunanegra.org or call (312) 337-6882.**

Located just 23 miles north of Chicago in Highland Park, Ravinia Festival which celebrated its centennial in 2004, encompasses over 120 events, including an eight-week residency of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Ravinia's new music director James Conlon, as well as signature events. As the oldest music festival in North America and a not-for-profit organization, Ravinia also features jazz, music theater and cabaret series and performances by top-name pop artists. For more information or to purchase tickets please go to www.ravinia.org or call the box office at 847-266-5100.