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**The American Dance Festival Announces Departure of Donna Faye Burchfield,
Dean of the ADF School**

Durham, NC—The American Dance Festival (ADF) announces Donna Faye Burchfield, Dean of the ADF School since 2000, has been named director of the University of the Arts School of Dance in Philadelphia and will be leaving her position as ADF School Dean at the conclusion of the 2010 ADF season. A search has begun for her successor.

A dancer, choreographer and teacher, Burchfield first joined ADF as a student in 1982 and began working at ADF in 1984. She has since been a faculty member, Associate Dean, and in 2000 became Dean, where she has overseen the entirety of ADF’s educational offerings.

The ADF school is as an international model for dance training, and Ms. Burchfield worked tirelessly to structure the school’s curriculum and environment for students to develop skills and expand their growth. Her innovations included the MFA, Post-Baccalaureate and combined BA/BFA programs in collaboration with Hollins University. In addition to her role as ADF Dean, Burchfield served as Professor of Dance at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia.

“We are grateful that she will continue what she loves—creating dynamic situations where dancers can thrive. She has passionately supported dancers here at ADF and we will sorely miss her vigor and innovation,” said Charles Reinhart, ADF Director.

The ADF School is at the heart of the American Dance Festival serving over 400 students from around the globe every June and July on the campus of Duke University in Durham, NC. For more information on the ADF or Donna Faye Burchfield, visit <http://www.americandancefestival.org/staff/dean.html>

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Founded in 1934 in Bennington, Vermont, the American Dance Festival (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. The ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for over 77 years. www.americandancefestival.org

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