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"A delight!" - The New York Times

"Moving, powerful!" - Vanity Fair

"Magical! A fairy tale come true." - San Francisco Chronicle

"Wonderful and moving... an Oscar-worthy delight!" - The Huffington Post

"Dazzling to behold." - The Village Voice

"An illuminating profile... riveting, breathtaking performances!" - Time Out New York

*"I was floored and riveted...an ode to possibility, risk, discipline, and passion."
- Jerry Saltz, Senior Art Critic, New York Magazine*

"Astonishing! Offers an unusual and exhilarating behind-the-scenes peek at the rigorous art form of ballet and the uplifting story of a gifted outsider who is making his own mark upon the dance world." - Spirituality and Practice Magazine

"Fascinating ...you don't have to love ballet to appreciate it." - Bloomberg News

FIRST RUN FEATURES TO RELEASE "DANCING ACROSS BORDERS" ON DVD AND BLU-RAY DECEMBER 7, 2010

Los Angeles (October 25, 2010) – First Run Features is pleased to announce the **DVD and BLU-RAY release of DANCING ACROSS BORDERS on December 7, 2010. DANCING ACROSS BORDERS** is the intimate and triumphant story of Sokvannara "Sy" Sar, who as a young man in Cambodia was dancing with a small troupe in Angkor Wat when Anne Bass, a longtime patron of dance in America, saw him perform. Bass was so taken with Sy's talent and potential that she arranged for him to come to New York and audition for the prestigious School of American Ballet.

What unfolds in **DANCING ACROSS BORDERS** is a tentative negotiation between Sy and the world of American ballet and culture. From the serene countryside of Southeast Asia to the high-powered rehearsal studios of New York, and finally to the stage of the Pacific Northwest Ballet in

Seattle, the film follows Sy's unusual development as a dancer and offers an astonishing, behind-the-scenes look into the world of American ballet.

At its heart, **DANCING ACROSS BORDERS** is an extraordinary story of growth, adaptation, and belonging - and a window into the development of talent at the highest level and the mastery of an art form.

First Run Features released **DANCING ACROSS BORDERS** theatrically in 30 cities on March 26, 2010.

First Run Features will release **DANCING ACROSS BORDERS** on DVD and Blu-ray in the United States on December 7, 2010. The DVD will be available for \$27.95 SRP and on Blu-ray for \$34.95 SRP at all major retailers.

“DANCING ACROSS BORDERS” Specifications:

Street Date: December 7, 2010
Pre-Order Date: November 9, 2010
Genre: Documentary
Run Time: 88 minutes
Rating: Unrated
Sound: Optional 5.1 Surround Sound
DVD SRP: \$27.95
Blu-ray SRP: \$34.95
Aspect Ratio: 16:9
Closed Captioning included

Bonus Materials include:

∞ **Recent performance footage of Sokvannara Sar**

Mopey
Pacific Northwest Ballet; 2009

∞ **Selected performances from the film**

Tchaikovsky Pas De Deux
Square Dance
La Sylphide
Coppelia
La Sonnambula
On the Other Side

∞ **Interview with Anne Bass, Director**

DP 30 Interview with David Poland
Publisher, *Movie City News*
Los Angeles, April 14, 2010

∞ **Photo gallery**

About First Run Features

First Run Features has been a leading indie film distributor since 1979.

Last year the company celebrated its 30th Anniversary with a retrospective at the Film Society of Lincoln Center. Recent releases include the Academy Award-nominated documentary THE

MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN AMERICA: DANIEL ELLSBERG AND THE PENTAGON PAPERS, Joe Berlinger's CRUDE, and KINGS OF PASTRY, from filmmaking legends DA Pennebaker and Chris Hegedus.

For art and publicity materials, please visit http://www.dancingacrossborders.net/press_room.html

Screeners available upon request.

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