## **Connecting Vibes USA to Participate in Grenada's Dance Festival**

## by Michael Bascombe

**BALTIMORE, Maryland, March 10, 2011** – A United States-based dance company has been invited to participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Dance Festival to be held in Grenada this year.

Connecting Vibes USA, directed by Grenadian choreographer John McQueen, is expected to participate in the June 1-5 Dance Festival to be staged at the Grenada Trade Centre.

McQueen said that the dance company is excited for the invitation and views it as recognition of his talents and international reputation as a dancer and choreographer.

"It's an honour to be invited to this Festival which is growing in stature because of the interest being shown by international dance companies," said McQueen who is also the artistic director of Connecting Vibes USA.

The Dance Festival is being hosted by the Division of Culture in the Prime Minister's Ministry and is aimed at showcasing the creativity of young dancers and choreographers as well as provides a platform for the exposition of Grenadian and Caribbean dance forms along with their international counterparts.

The Festival has grown from being a national event to one that has international participation having attracted Dance Companies from as far as USA and Europe.

Connecting Vibes USA is responsible for raising funds and seeking sponsors to cover the air travel of the dancers to Grenada.

Connective Vibes USA will hold a public launch on Saturday in the form of a fund raising cocktail at 1716 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friends and well-wishers will get to know more about the Dance Company.

Interested persons can also donate to the cause by contacting the Artistic Director, John McQueen (410 948 6661) or the Executive Director, Valarie Branch (443 254 4382) or email <a href="mailto:letsdance72@hotmail.com">letsdance72@hotmail.com</a>