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***Piñatas y Doctores* on Stage at the LCC for Target Second Saturday
October 9, 2010 Special Performance by Psophonia Dance Company**

Dallas (September 23, 2010) -- The Latino Cultural Center is pleased to announce a special performance of ***Piñatas y Doctores*** featuring **Psophonia Dance Company** on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 12:00 noon as part of the LCC's **Target Second Saturday**. Psophonia, a Houston-based contemporary dance troupe, is blending highlights from two full length programs into an exciting, kid-friendly production for the LCC's monthly family day.

In ***Piñatas***, Psophonia touches on the many things that are a part of the Mexican Heritage we celebrate today. Imagine that you are the center of the celebration...the most sought after person at the party...the guest of honor. Alas! To your horror, a crowd appears with sticks, and they're after YOU! Experience a traditional Mexican party through the eyes of the piñata. This delightful, contemporary take offers a fresh perspective on the festivities, while helping children learn about Mexican culture through dance and music.

In ***Los Doctores***, Psophonia takes a humorous look at a doctor's life as he moves through his world beginning in medical school and ending in the emergency room. Each section is presented with classical music including *The William Tell Overture* and *The Syncopated Clock*. ***Los Doctores***, a narrative style dance, gives kids a chance to describe the characters and their role on the stage, establish the setting, and tell us what they think the story is about. Essentially, the student reflect on the who, what, when, where, and how of the dance. Filling the stage with a variety of props, kids (and their parents!) will be transported into Psophonia's world.

"Bringing modern dance to the LCC for Target Second Saturday is an exciting opportunity," notes Maria Munoz-Blanco, Director of Cultural Affairs and Acting General Manager of the LCC. "I've long admired the fast-paced choreography of Psophonia and the humor they bring to contemporary dance. ***Piñatas y Doctores*** will sure be a fun time for the whole family!"

About Target Second Saturday @ the LCC

Target Second Saturday is the LCC's monthly family day with activities for people of all ages. Activities planned for the day start at 11:00 a.m. with hands-on arts activities for youth; a performing arts show at 12:00 noon; dance and movement classes at 1:00 p.m.; a traditional craft workshop at 1:00 p.m.; and the screening of a family-friendly Spanish language film at 2:00 p.m. The LCC galleries are also open to the public throughout the day featuring the exhibitions

Morelos: Estampas de la Independencia and *El Ojo Fino / The Exquisite Eye*. All Target Second Saturday events are free and open to the public. Now in its third year at the LCC, Target Second Saturday is generously sponsored by Target.

About the Artists

Founded in 1998, Psophonia Dance Company (PDC) engages diverse audiences on a truly unique level by combining artful, innovative contemporary dance with a distinctively theatrical twist on the ordinary. PDC is committed to promoting the essential role of the arts and enriching communities by presenting works that will entertain, intrigue, delight, and educate a broad audience and attract new enthusiasts to the fine art of contemporary dance. Psophonia's co-founder and artistic director, Sophia Torres, is a graduate of Southern Methodist University's Meadows School of the Arts.

About the Latino Cultural Center

The Latino Cultural Center is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. Our mission is to serve as a regional catalyst for the preservation, development, and promotion of Latino and Hispanic arts and culture. The Center's 27,000 sq. ft. facility was designed by renowned Mexican architect Ricardo Legorreta and features a 300-seat theater, two visual arts galleries, and an outdoor plaza. Its signature purple tower serves as a beacon to guide visitors to our East Dallas / Deep Ellum location.

The Latino Cultural Center is located at 2600 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas 75204. Located immediately east of downtown Dallas, the Center is less than 1 mile from the Dallas Arts District and conveniently located two blocks north of the DART Green Line Deep Ellum Station. Onsite free parking available. The Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and in the evenings when performing arts events are scheduled. For additional information, call (214) 671-0045 or visit www.dallasculture.org/latinocc.

LCC hours: Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and evenings for performing arts events. For additional information please call 214-671-0045 or visit our Web site at www.dallasculture.org/latinocc.

