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**DanceVision Youth Ensemble premieres
“The Secret Garden”
choreographed by *Risa Kaplowitz***

Princeton, NJ – Susan Jaffe and Risa Kaplowitz, artistic directors of DanceVision Youth Ensemble announce the premiere of “The Secret Garden” choreographed by Risa Kaplowitz. The inspiration for this original ballet came from the children’s classic book “The Secret Garden” by Francis Hodgson.

“When I read this book to my daughter, I realized that it would make a beautiful ballet,” states Ms. Kaplowitz. “Now, because of the generosity of DanceVision, my dream has come true through the organization’s Youth Ensemble”.

DanceVision’s *Youth Ensemble*, the performing arm of DanceVision, provides high caliber performance opportunities for the pre-professional dancer. Unique to this production will be the use of *projection art* scenery instead of the traditional use of backdrops. Dave Haneman, production manager will provide each act with different moving projections as scenery, thus creating a unique experience for the audience as they follow Mary’s move from India to England and through the various rooms of Misselthwaite Manor to the Secret Garden.

“My goal is to have the audience feel the mysterious transformation of the garden from it’s dreary, dead-like state to the wonderfully alive and colorful garden that it becomes, filled with dancing flowers, rabbits, foxes, spiders, bees and even dancing rain” explains Mr. Haneman.

The premiere of “The Secret Garden” will begin on Saturday, May 17 at 7:00 pm at the Center for Performing Arts, Montgomery High School, Skillman, NJ. Two shows will follow on Sunday, May 18 at 12:30 & 4:30. Tickets can be purchased online at www.dancevisionnj.org/the_secret_garden or call 609-514-1600. Group Discounts are available.

DanceVision, Inc. was incorporated as a New Jersey non-membership, non-profit corporation. Its mission is to provide dance educational programming and outreach for school age children (K-12) in Central New Jersey. This is accomplished by providing in-school programs, after-school programs, and professional development in public school districts and private schools.