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9/11 10th Anniversary: 100 Dancers Commemorate with Performance at Lincoln Center

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Nearly 100 dancers gathered to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11 on Sunday in a performance in front of Lincoln Center in New York City to promote peace and offer a moment of silence.

The project, entitled "The Table of Silence Project," took place outside of Lincoln Center on the plaza level at exactly 8:20 a.m. as a public tribute to 9/11. The 100 performers gathered "in silent procession, forming patterns of concentric circles to create a peace labyrinth while encircling the Revson Fountain as a symbol of eternity, compassion and continuity of the life cycle."

Conceived by choreographer Jacquelyn Buglisi and Italian artist Rosella Vasta, the 26-minute long performance was accompanied by a solo drum and a singer as the dancers circled the Revson Fountain at Lincoln Center. Each dancer held a plate symbolizing unity, according to the dancers, as onlookers gathered to watch "a symbolic banquet table uniting all of humanity as dancers create a peace labyrinth."

In Memory, Dancers Became Silent at 8:46 a.m.

As a commemoration to the moment 10 years ago when the first plane crashed into the north tower of the World

Trade Center, the dancers, in head-to-toe white ensembles, became silent at 8:46 a.m., extending their arms, with open palms, up to the sky for one minute to symbolize universal peace.

"The Table of Silence Project" represents the common threads of humanity which unite all mankind into a single force with common goals and aspirations, regardless of race, culture or religion," said Buglisi. "Through this event we wish to achieve the dual purpose of celebrating and honoring peace through listening -- a united moment of silence -- a call for Peace in our world from NYC's community of artists."

The performance included talented dancers from around the New York community dancers from Buglisi Dance Theatre, The Juilliard School, the Martha Graham Center of Contemporary Dance, The Ailey School, National Dance Institute, Ballet Hispanico, STEPS on Broadway, and Peridance Capezio Center.

The tribute to 9/11 through "The Table of Silence Project" was a free public event which took place at Lincoln Center amidst, but not part of, Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week on the tenth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

