

Dance school teaches spirituality

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MIAMI LAKES — The McIntyre Institute is a school of dance that connects spirituality and diversity through physical movement.

Founded in 2001 by Vincent McIntyre and his wife, Constance McIntyre, the Miami Lakes school offers classes for students as young as age six. The McIntyres, Coral Springs residents

who have been married for 19 years, seek to provide an alternate venue to spread the gospel.

“My husband and I are just here to do the will of God,” Constance McIntyre said.

The institute was born of the McIntyres’ desire to provide a positive environment for young children and adults.

Thus far, the McIntyres say they are encouraged by the academic and spiritual growth of their students.

“We get to see the lesson behind the scenes. People don’t understand the transformation that takes place,” Constance McIntyre said.

Constance McIntyre received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dance Education from Florida International University in Miami, and a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Professional Performance in Dance from Florida State University in Tallahassee. She later received a Doctoral Degree in Christian Education.

Since age four, she has demonstrated a passion for dance. As the institute’s director, she continues her stage performance, along with instructing early dancers from ages six through eight.

She considers her students “family,” she said.

“We are there for our students. Our students graduate and come back to help us. We attend baby showers and weddings,” she said.

As the Institute’s business director, Vincent McIntyre contributes financial advice and spiritual wisdom. He is executive producer of the TV program, “85 South Gospel Street.”

“My greatest desire is to see God’s people empowered to operate in spiritual excellence, financial freedom, and moral purity, all to the Glory of God,” he said.

On May 24, the Institute's students appeared at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

A production titled, "Called 2 Dance Chapter V 2008," was designed to showcase the dancers' talents and to join those who attended in praise and worship.

Tylisha McKinney, 30, a fan of the Institute's productions, said, "If you never danced, it makes you want to. It's awesome. It makes me want to continue to support the ministry."

For more information, log onto www.mcintyreinstitute.com/index.htm or call 305-628-8920.

Photo: Students from the McIntyre Institute study spirituality and dance.