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**Who:** Front Porch Dance, the MS Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation

**What:** Presentation of *Mississippi Stories in Motion- Retold*

- Dance performance by company members of Front Porch Dance
- Musical performances by Southern Grass and Redeemed
- Silent Auction

**When:** Saturday, January 31, 2015; 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum  
Sparkman Auditorium, 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS 39216

### Front Porch Dance Presents *Mississippi Stories in Motion- Retold* to Benefit Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation and Front Porch Dance invite you to celebrate the Ag Museum's beautiful space and cultural heritage through an evening of stories told through movement. On Saturday, January 31, 2015, Front Porch Dance will present an evening of *Mississippi Stories in Motion - Retold*, displaying original choreography that reflects the rich stories and culture of Mississippi. The doors to the Sparkman Auditorium open at 6:30 p.m. with live music by Redeemed, hors d'oeuvres provided by area restaurants, and a silent auction. The dance performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by music from local band Southern Grass.

Front Porch Dance is a Mississippi based dance company comprised of local artists who collaborate to produce innovative choreographic works. Performers include: Krista Bower, Lynn Forney, Kellis McSparrin, Bethany Phillip, Erin Schiewe Rockwell, Mia Whitehead and Stefanie Wright. The choreography to be displayed on January 31 was originally inspired by the sights, sounds and textures of "The Mississippi Story" exhibition at the Mississippi Museum of Art as well as specific stories told in and through the artwork within this unique permanent collection. Front Porch Dance has reinvented and restaged the repertoire of *Mississippi Stories in Motion*, and the choreography will be retold with new vision and perspective.

Tickets cost \$15 (\$10 for students) and will be available at the door beginning at 6:30p.m. All proceeds from tickets will go to the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Foundation to aid in the recovery from the November 13, 2014, fire. For information regarding the event or Front Porch Dance contact [frontporchdance@gmail.com](mailto:frontporchdance@gmail.com) or visit [www.frontporchdance.org](http://www.frontporchdance.org).

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