Master Photographer's 22,264 Mile, 50 state, 90 day Labor of Love Inspires Extraordinary Book, *Dance Across the USA:*
Dance Across the USA slated for release on December 9, 2017

NASHVILLE, Tennessee – Master Photographer Jonathan Givens will celebrate the release of *Dance Across the USA* in December. An extraordinary photo book featuring dancers across the country celebrating America's beauty and diversity, *Dance Across the USA* will be available where fine books are sold on December 9, 2017.

In the summer of 2016, Givens embarked on an epic journey spanning 50 states in 90 days with the sole purpose of photographing dancers **i**n national parks and beloved and well-known settings in each state. After all, the possibilities for splendid settings abounded—a dancer on top of an active volcano, in the middle of the ocean, on a sand dune in Death Valley, in a glacier-fed lake—and Givens, undeterred by the Herculean task, jumped in feet first.   During that 90-day journey, Givens racked up some unimaginable statistics: 22,264 miles driven; 22,160 photographs created; 163 dancers photographed; 56 locations; 50 states; and 1 Mighty Buford, the van that served as the vehicle—literally and figuratively—for Givens' odyssey.

The magnificent result is *Dance Across the USA,* a brilliant, coffee table style book featuring images from the journey. Part epic photo diary, part love letter to America, part celebration of dance, *Dance Across the USA* is completely awe-inspiring. Brimming with gorgeous, full color photographs, *Dance Across the USA* is filled with breathtaking images, swoon-worthy settings, and amazing subjects.

A passion project born of Givens' desire to showcase the fabric of America, shine a spotlight on the importance of dance, and highlight the diversity that exists in both the physical landscape and in the dancers who make America their home, *Dance Across the USA* is an extraordinary—and extraordinarily real—book. Resplendent with real photographs of real dancers in real locations—the skies are real, the landscape is real, even the dirty feet are real— the photos within this incredible book involve no digital compositing, no trampolines, no wires or strings attached. Real dancers. Real photos. Real settings.

A book that is awe-inspiring in its sheer beauty and magnitude, *Dance Across the USA* features a wide range of dancers—from ages 5 to 61, professionals and amateurs, students and teachers, male and female, boys and girls, cat lovers and dog lovers. Moreover, *Dance Across the USA* provides an exquisite, eye-opening look at America—from sandy Florida beaches to the rugged Washington coast, from the glaciers of Alaska to Death Valley in California and all points in between.

A book that celebrates diversity, beauty, dance, self-expression, America's majesty and America's people, *Dance Across the USA* is, at its heart, a celebration. Vivid, buoyant, exquisite, and extraordinary, *Dance Across the USA* is an appropriately phenomenal by-product of a phenomenal journey.

Jonathan Givens is a photographer specializing in the entertainment industry. Beginning as a performer, and then a technician, choreographer, director, and designer, Jonathan later became the Master Carpenter for the Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah suggested Jonathan pick up a camera…and the rest, as they say, is history. Jonathan is founder of EPS—Entertainment Photography Specialists.

Dance Across the USA will be published in a trade paper edition (ISBN: 9780692953709, 306 pages) in December.

For more information about *Dance Across the USA*, visit: http://www.danceatusa.com/   Find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/EPSpecialists Follow us on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/eps_photo/ A portion of the proceeds from *Dance Across the USA* will be donated to benefit America's parks and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Members of the news media wishing to request additional information about Jonathan Givens, or *Dance Across the USA* are kindly asked to contact Maryglenn McCombs by phone: (615) 297-9875 or email: maryglenn@maryglenn.com

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