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**Alonzo King's LINES Ballet Announces
Three New Monks to Join Original Members of
*Long River High Sky***

**May 28—June 1, 2008
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Alonzo King's LINES Ballet is pleased to announce that three new Shaolin monks from China will join the original dancers and monks of *Long River High Sky*, at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, May 28-June 1, 2008.

Long River High Sky will feature a total of 10 monks, ranging in age from 12 to 71 years. The youngest monks include a set of 12-year old triplets. Only two of the three triplets performed last year – the year's performances will feature all three triplets, Yin Zhihai, Yin Anzhou and Yin Dachuan.

Long River High Sky includes LINES Ballet dancers Brett Conway, Ashley Jackson, Laurel Keen, Caroline Rocher, Corey Scott-Gilbert, Meredith Webster, Keelan Whitmore, Ricardo Zayas and Shaolin monks Guosong, Liu Shifu, Jun Jun, Zhong Qiang, Hu Liufeng, Li Junjun, Wang Tianzhong, Yin Anzhou, Yin Dachuan, and Yin Zhihai.

Back by popular demand, *Long River High Sky* is a unique collaboration between Alonzo King's LINES Ballet and the Shaolin monks of China that premiered to sold-out audiences in the spring of 2007. *Long River High Sky* is set to an original score by composer Miguel Frasoni and by Melody of China, a San Francisco-based Chinese musical ensemble led by Musical Director Hong Wang.

This year LINES Ballet will also host a Free Family Day on Saturday, May 31 at 2pm in conjunction with a matinee performance of *Long River High Sky*. Visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities prior to the performance at 3pm, including Kung fu and Ballet instruction and demonstrations, arts and crafts activities, and more.

For more information about *Long River High Sky*, to read articles and reviews, or to watch a video of the LINES Ballet dancers and Shaolin monks, please visit <http://linesballet.org/lines/sfseason/shaolin/index.htm>.

About Alonzo King's LINES Ballet

Alonzo King's LINES Ballet, an international dance company based in San Francisco, performs contemporary ballet to critical acclaim in the US and abroad. Collaborating with noted composers, musicians, and visual artists, Alonzo King creates original works that stretch and renew the traditions of western dance. Both Alonzo King and the LINES dancers have been recognized for their extraordinary vision; last year, Mr. King was honored with the US Artists Fellowship, given to the 50 finest artists from all disciplines currently creating work in America, after winning the Bessie Award for Choreographer/Creator last year. Last fall, LINES dancer Meredith Webster became the fifth Company dancer to receive the coveted Princess Grace Award.

Fresh from celebrating its 25th Anniversary, LINES Ballet continues to honor its commitment to explore the possibilities of movement from a global perspective, sharing its vision of transformative, revelatory dance through performances and outreach activities worldwide, as well as by cultivating the gifts of developing dancers through the LINES Ballet School, the Joint BFA Program with Dominican University of California, and the San Francisco Dance Center. As international demand for the Company continues to grow, LINES Ballet will give several performances abroad this year, including appearances at the Montpellier Dance Festival, Holland Dance Festival, and the Arts Festival in Guatemala City.

Education and LINES Ballet

The vision of LINES Ballet goes beyond the internationally-acclaimed dance company - LINES Ballet also encompasses a school and the San Francisco Dance Center. Home to Alonzo King's LINES Ballet, the San Francisco Dance Center has been offering a broad range of inspiring classes to dancers since 1989; six years ago, the LINES Ballet School was established in order to develop the potential of young dancers. In 2006, LINES Ballet and the Dominican University of California jointly launched the West Coast's first joint BFA program in dance.

Calendar Editors, Please Note

Alonzo King's LINES Ballet

Long River High Sky

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater

700 Howard Street, San Francisco

Tickets: \$15-\$65

Tickets & Information: www.ybca.org, 415.978.ARTS (2787)

For more information visit the LINES Ballet website at www.linesballet.org

Long River High Sky Dates & Times

Wednesday	May 28	7 pm
Thursday	May 29	8 pm *
Friday	May 30	8 pm **
Saturday	May 31	3 pm ***
Saturday	May 31	8 pm
Sunday	June 1	3 pm
Sunday	June 1	7 pm

Special Events:

* Pre-curtain discussion with Shaolin monks at 7 pm

** Post-performance conversation with Alonzo King

*** Family day activities at 2pm in the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Theater Plaza

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