

many voices, one movement

First Generation

Newsletter for ensemble, families and friends of *First Generation*

MAY 2009

**Mark your
Calendars**

**June 5th
Benefit
Concert
and Sneak
Preview**

**June 5th 7:30pm
at
Rebecca
Johnson School
55 Catherine St.
Springfield**

We have a surprise
RETREAT COMING UP
May 15, 16 and 17th, for
intensive work with
visiting artist Elsa
Menendez, director of
Tricklock Theater out of
Albuquerque, NM



Earthdance Retreat. March, 2009

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DATES AND UPDATES

Benefit Concert and Sneak Preview: Friday June 5th at 7:30

May Retreat: Friday May 15, to Sunday May 17th 2:00pm

Remember: Summer Jobs begin Monday June 29th and go through July 31st

August Performance Dates: Friday August 6th, 7th and 8th

***Congratulations* to **Teatro Vida** for their performance of *...and Literacy for all*.**

Field Trips: We have been attending some amazing performances including: Teatro Vida *...and Literacy for all*, a dance concert at Trinity College in Hartford, *Pulse of the People*, and New World Theater's presentations of *Best of Project 2050*, and Universes *Ameriville*.

We honor and thank all who have so generously shared their time and skills with First Generation. Thank you Linda Vazquez-Olmeda for all your help with transportation! Martin Carrera of La Veracruzana, Bruegger's Bagels and Big Y. Also thanks to the many individuals and businesses who have generously contributed countless volunteer hours, invaluable pro bono support, donated resources and materials that have helped to sustain the Performance Project and First Generation.

*It is with the involvement of our community will we be able to continue our work.
Many warm blessings to you all and we will be in touch.*

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