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LOCAL ARTIST INTERVIEWS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR FOR BALLET QUAD CITIES ON LIVE TALK RADIO SHOW

Davenport, Iowa, September 28, 2009 -- Kim McCool of Davenport, Iowa will be featuring Ballet Quad Cities Artistic Director, Courtney Lyon, on McCool's live radio talk show, "Discover the Heart of Art" on internet's Blog Talk Radio on October 12, 2009 at 2 PM Central Time.

Courtney Lyon has been with Ballet Quad Cities since 2000. She received her early training from Nathalie LeVine in St. Louis and earned her BFA with Honors in Dance from the University of Iowa. She received additional training from Arleen Sugano, the Joffrey Ballet School, and the Milwaukee Ballet School. Prior to joining Ballet Quad Cities, she performed with the Milwaukee Ballet and served as a demonstrator for Kenneth Laws and Arleen Sugano, co-authors of *The Physics and the Art of Dance: Understanding Movement* at the Performing Arts Medicine Association annual symposiums. Since retiring from performing in 2007, she has served as Assistant to the Project Manager in 2006, Ballet Mistress and Associate Director of Ballet Quad Cities, and Co-director of Ballet Quad Cities II. In these roles she has been an active coordinator and leader in all of the company's educational outreach programs. Her choreography for Ballet Quad Cities includes three children's ballets. She has restaged many works for Ballet Quad Cities. Recently, Ms. Lyon completed two intensive seminars given by John White, former dancer and Ballet Master of the National Ballet of Cuba. In the summer of 2009, Ms. Lyon participated in the Kennedy Center's Artists as Educators Seminar.

"Discover the Heart of Art with Kim McCool" is a bi-weekly show where McCool interviews artists of all kinds - from classic art, such as painting and sculpture to writing, music and choreography discuss the heart of their art. This art talk show is unique and informative. McCool and her guest talk about what inspires the art, where the love of the art comes from and how listeners can discover the heart of art.

If people are not able to listen to the live broadcast, they can go to McCool's website (<http://www.kimmccool.com>) and either download the podcast for later listening or listen to the replay on their computer. The broadcasts will be archived.

McCool is committed to not only creating her art,, she is dedicated to keeping the art of porcelain painting alive. In addition to training with some of the most esteemed artists in the field McCool has taken many student artists under her wing to teach them this wonderful medium. Her studio is part of her home and is a special place for her two loves of creating porcelain art pieces and teaching others to create their own unique porcelain art.

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