

Press Release

A Mighty Fortress: A Dream Vision Dance Film

The Program Directors of the 8th International Congress of the Academy for Multidisciplinary Neurotraumatology invite the general public to the International Premier of *A Mighty Fortress: A Dream Vision Dance Film*. The film will be shown in the Alumni Auditorium of Champlain College in Burlington, Vermont on Wednesday, May 19, at 8:00 pm. The film was inspired by the aftermath of a tragedy that occurred in the Amish Community of Central Pennsylvania on October 2, 2006.

The film is a response of the imagination to the aftermath of the tragedy. Following the event, the local Amish community rallied in support of the victims and their families. They also offered support and forgiveness to the family of the assailant. In all respects, their responses were a manifestation of their strong Christian faith and convictions.

The film was directed by Judith Lindstedt and produced by Robert Sargent Fay and Judith Lindstedt. The film score was composed and performed by Rupert A. Thompson. The narrator was Kelly Morgan. The dancers were Helene Cahen, Abby Capone, Mira Daum, Lindsey Kirouac, Ellen Porell, Emma Porell, Tiffany Russo, and Shirley Stephens. Important screenings of the film were presented for commentary at the Kennedy Center American College Film Festival and at Landmark College in Putney, Vermont.

The film will be shown and then the producers and the composer and a dancer – Helene Cahen - will answer questions about the creation of the film. In addition, Helene Cahen and Rupert A. Thompson will perform an improvisational dance program in keeping with the music and themes of the film.

A reception will follow the evening's activities.

A suggested donation of ten dollars will be gratefully received at the time of the event.