

Emotion created into movement

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Saturday

Innermotion, the Incest Survivor Dance Theatre Co., will present "Show-N-Tell" today from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hilton Inn.

The free show is in conjunction with the second annual regional conference of VOICES in Action, Inc., an international group made up of incest survivors, professionals and supporters.

Sharon Daugherty says she founded the group in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., more than two years ago as a result of her own experiences with childhood sexual abuse and as a therapist.



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"The company uses dance to portray aspects of healing," including becoming self-empowered, she said.

"We're all about the empowerment of people. Incest is more than just a childhood issue. It's a societal issue. It can't exist in a society where there is no oppression."

The group uses a different style of dance in its performance, Ms. Daugherty said. "We term it interpretive dance. We take an emotion and put it into movement."

"Dream Scape, represents nightmares, one of the symptoms of post-dramatic stress," she said. "Innocence, Betrayal, Acting In&Out shows a scene of molesta-

tion that's very artistically done but very powerful, even though there's no on-hands touching."

Another performance shows negative coping skills such as drug and alcohol abuse, rigidity, excessive washing, promiscuity and overeating — drawing on the experiences of the eight performers, Ms. Daugherty said.

"We're so open because we've all been in recovery and are in recovery," she said. "None of the performers have a theater or dance background. They've been acting out all their lives. They're now doing their life history on stage."

The show includes an hour-long performance and 45 minutes of discussion, Ms. Daugherty said.

• GREENVILLE'S THIRD annual International Festival is planned today on the Evans Street Mall.

Food and exhibit booths and a bazaar will showcase cultures from China to Mexico from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Entertainment will include African-American storyteller Paula Larke and dancers from Ukraine and the Middle East.

Fourth Street between Washington and Cotanche streets will be closed to traffic during the festival.

• ST. TIMOTHY'S Episcopal Church will have its annual lobster fair Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with crafts, baked goods and