

## TAKE THE LEAD

Press Release

Available to buy on DVD August 29, 2006

Director: Liz Friedlander

Starring: Antonio Banderas, Alfre Woodard, Yaya DaCosta

MPAA Rating: PG-13 for thematic material, language and some violence

Total Running Time: 108 Minutes

DVD Order Date: July 25, 2006

## ANTONIO BANDERAS TURNS UP THE HEAT AS THE HIGH-ENERGY, RHYTHMIC TEMPOS OF TAKE THE LEAD

DANCE ONTO DVD ON AUGUST 29, 2006

DVD Bonus Features Take Center Stage with Music Mixes, Deleted Scenes, Cast Featurettes and Audio Commentary

LOS ANGELES, CA (May 22, 2006) – When high-octane, hip-hop beats are fused with the grace of the ballroom, the world of dance is turned upside down as *Take the Lead*, tangos onto DVD on August 29, 2006, from New Line Home Entertainment. Inspired by a true story, Antonio Banderas stars as Pierre Dulaine, the world famous professional dancer who donates his time to teach in a failing New York City public high school. But, when his classic methods clash with his students' hip-hop flavor, he teams up with them to create a new style of dance, becoming their mentor in the process. With striking choreography and a heart-pounding soundtrack, *Take the Lead* also stars Alfre Woodard (*Something New*, TV's *Desperate Housewives*) and a sexy up-and-coming ), Dante Basco (*Love Don't Cost a Thing*, *Biker Boyz*), Yaya DaCosta (TV's *America's Next Top Model*) and Lirioq Bent (*Saw II*, *Four Brothers*). The DVD will be available at a \$28.98 SRP with an order due date of July 25, 2006.

*Take the Lead* is an inspirational drama based on the life of Pierre Dulaine, a Manhattan dance teacher and competitor who volunteers his time to teach ballroom dancing to a diverse group of New York inner-city high school students serving detention.

The students are initially skeptical of Dulaine, especially when they learn what he's there to teach them, but his unwavering commitment and dedication slowly inspire them to embrace his

program. In fact, they even take it one step further and combine Dulaine's classical dance with their unique hip-hop style and music to create a high-energy, unique fusion. As Dulaine becomes a mentor to his students, many of whom haven't had much to strive towards in their lives, he inspires them to hone their skills for a prestigious city ballroom competition, and, in return, they share with each other valuable lessons about pride, respect and honor.

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