*Out of Place*

Lake Anne Village Center, Reston, VA,

April 23-May 13, 2012

Conceived and Directed with Sharon Mansur, Dance Artist; Michael Fischer, Design Assistance; Daniel Burkholder + Sharon Mansur, Performers

Commissioned by: The Initiative for Public Art-Reston, Reston Community Center, Reston Museum and Friends of Lake Anne.

*­­Out of Place* was a site-situated installation and contemporary dance performance, inspired by the sculpture, architecture and history of the unique planned community of Reston, Virginia. The installation consisted of cast resin ﬂoats which mimicked the character of the cast concrete architecture by day and glowed at night. A network of ropes and pulleys that in turn were attached to the harbor’s edges connected these frames. A duet featuring Mansur and longtime collaborator, Daniel Burkholder that activated the plaza was inspired by pedestrian movements and spatial conditions such as framing, section changes, and the play of horizontal and vertical observed on site. The pair drew the floats across the harbor by pulling on their tensile lines and contrasting this motion with the use of a rope to demonstrate their spatial relationship to one another and to break the horizontal surface of the water. Community members and outsiders gathered along the water’s edge to participate in the event. The 30-minute dance performance occurred as daylight faded. The floats that harnessed the sun’s energy released it at night to create a landscape of hovering luminous color in the lake. The installation lingered in the quay for another week delighting viewers with the memory of the duet and an architecture of situation that marked temporal rhythms and reframed place.

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Captions:

1. The abstract cast concrete architecture and the reflective lake were complemented and activated by rectangular floats drawn across the surface by the dancers.

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1. Casting the translucent resin floats.

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3. Installation *in situ*

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