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**SKIP Entertainment Company presents “Believe in the Magic”**

(Hagatna, Guam) – (December 29, 2016) – The SKIP Entertainment Company will be hosting their Annual Holiday concert on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the Father Duenas Memorial School, Phoenix Center. The concert will feature over 100 dancers ranging between the ages of 3 through 25 performing Jazz, Jazz Funk, Hip Hop, Ballet and Contemporary dance styles. Concert tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for adults and \$40 for VIP seats. Show times are 1:30P and 6:30P. This concert is produced by Lee and Teri Knapp and co-produced by Francesca Ambrose. This holiday concert is directed by SKIP’s choreographer and former company dancer, Brian Esperon.

SKIP Entertainment Company (SKIP) has grown to be a “household word” in the entertainment business and dance community on Guam, known for its checkered floors and dedicated dancers. SKIP originally started as a project of Children’s Productions, Incorporated in 1982, known as the Sunshine Kids in Production (SKIP). Soon the focus turned to dance, giving thousands of Guam’s youth an opportunity to excel. Since its infancy the mission of SKIP is to provide youth a safe environment to build self-confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills through dance and other forms entertainment. Through dance, students have an opportunity to develop life-long values. Most important is the development of a deep sense of self-direction so that participants can have the courage to reach for the stars. As a result, SKIP produces young dancers who acquire the ability to represent themselves, the company and their island in local shows, concerts, charitable events, and other community-based family friendly venues. SKIP has always believed that the most effective way to push their dancers to reach their potential is to compete nationally and internationally against the world’s most prestigious, becoming ambassadors of Guam.

Instructors and choreographers continue to come to Guam from Los Angeles and New York City to work with the group. During the summer of 2015, the touring company competed in Barcelona, Spain and shared 1<sup>st</sup> Place with Singapore in the Dance World Cup. Also, Senior members of the company represented Guam/USA in Brisbane, Australia to compete in World Supremacy Battlegrounds and took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Young Guns Division. Most recently, the SKIP Touring Company represented Guam in July 2016 and competed at the Showbiz Nationals in Daytona Beach, Florida winning First Place in the Diamond Division and brought home the Dance World Cup from Montreal, Canada. Most recently, SKIP Company Dancers with the guidance and choreography of Brian Esperon have been featured in social media by Pia Mia and Nikki Minaj receiving millions of views and immense local support.

We look forward to sharing the holiday spirit with your friends and family on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Phoenix Center at 1:30P or 6:30P.