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## **Word Dance Theater's Cynthia Word Receives Maria-Theresa Duncan Award**

**Washington, D.C.** - Cynthia Word, Artistic Director of Washington, DC-based Word Dance Theater, has been awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maria-Theresa Duncan Award by the Isadora Duncan International Institute. This award was presented in recognition of Word's artistic vision to commission the reconstruction of Duncan's entire collection of choreography to Chopin's **24 Preludes**, and carrying on the Duncan ideal of 'the merging of the arts' in a whole new work of art coalescing dance, music, theater and literature in Word Dance Theater's **Preludes: Duncan, Sand & Chopin**.

Maria-Theresa Duncan (1895-1987), born Therese Kruger, known as the 'last dancing Isadorable', was one of six young dancers legally adopted by Isadora Duncan and known as "les Isadorables." Maria-Theresa Duncan dedicated her life to the preservation of Isadora Duncan's work and ideals, and in 1977, co-founded the Isadora Duncan International Institute.

**About Word Dance Theater:** Word Dance Theater's mission is to create and perform modern dance productions and provide educational experiences that preserve and illuminate the philosophy and choreography of Isadora Duncan, founder of Modern Dance. Through the artful blending of dance, music and theater WDT pays tribute to Duncan's philosophy as a rich foundation from which new dance experiences can emerge. Please visit us at [www.worddance.org](http://www.worddance.org).