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***RED LIGHT NIGHT: "Hip Hop Dance and Culture"***

**CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO--** Thursday, May 12th, at 7:00 p.m., the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri will host their last *Red Light Night* of this season with the topic "Hip Hop Culture and Dance" featuring Jimmie Miller, local dancer and choreographer.

Jimmie Miller, originally from St. Louis, currently resides in Cape Girardeau with his wife Ashley Miller and their beautiful baby daughter. Miller spends his days working as a Jr. Web Developer at Red Letter Communications, a local marketing and communications firm with national accounts. In the evenings, Miller teaches Hip Hop dance classes at Dance Extensions. His love for dance began when he was 10, when his mother got him involved in the performing arts as a praise dancer in the church. He says he bounced around from genre to genre until he stumbled upon hip-hop and 'fell in love'.

During his presentation, Miller will touch on the past and present of the Hip Hop Dance Culture. He will start his discussion with the birth of Hip Hop and how it has morphed into the cultural phenomenon that it is today, and will also talk about how his personal experiences with the genre have shaped him as an artist. Miller will conclude his session with a Q & A session open to audience members.

*Red Light Night* is a series of after-hours discussions on controversial and taboo topics within the arts. *Red Light Nights* will be presented by guest lecturers and panelists at the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri in Downtown Cape Girardeau on select Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Please note, topics and discussion are intended for a mature audience.

Join other arts supporters in controversial discussions during *Red Light Nights*. The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 32 North Main Street in Cape Girardeau, MO. Galleries are open Tuesday- Saturday, from 10am to 4pm.