

## Spectrum in Motion –Polar Express



Spectrum in Motion, the community dance company that has been “raising dancers and building community” for 38 years decided to do something different this year. They produced a new ballet based on the *Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. It was performed on the stage in Drew Hall at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, where they have taken up residency. Many families brought the children for whom the story was meant, and they led the way in expressing enjoyment.

Brian Thompson served as the narrator, and more than 60 young dancers told the story in movement and dance in six scenes. They began with The Train, brought everyone All Aboard and then took The Journey. The Elves, The First Gift and The North Pole were each played as separate scenes, and each scene expressed the feeling of the story.

As the audience members entered the hall each was given a small bell to ring at the appropriate moment, and when the time came they did. It was a delightful sound. When the performance was over everyone was treated to hot chocolate and cookies, the latter all baked by Thulani Davis, clearly a woman of many talents. More photos can be seen at <http://bit.ly/SIMpolarexp>



