



Maryland YOUTH Ballet

BHM24

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
February 2024

BHM24 DANCE CONCERT

FEBRUARY 17, 2024

**CULTURAL ARTS CENTER - THEATER 2
7995 GEORGIA AVE
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND**

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In 2020, MYB began celebrating Black History Month (BHM) with special programs to highlight the achievements of Blacks in dance—past, present, and future. At the core is dance education and performance. For low or no cost, we provide classes for our students and the broader community in various genres of the African Diaspora: West African, Dunham, Afrobeat, Hip-Hop, as well as other styles including ballet, Horton, Contemporary and Gaga. The dance concerts, presented in person and virtually, have featured local and national students and professionals. In addition, we host annual panel discussions with area dance professionals and academicians, interviews and artist talk backs with prominent dancers and choreographers of color, and original video content chronicling the real life experiences of some of our students and alumni.

Deidre Byrne

MYB Artistic Director & School Principal

Alyce Jenkins

MYB Executive Director

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Hortensia Fonseca, Founder
Michelle Lees, Artistic Director & Principal Emeritus

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BHM Coordinator

Pascha Barnwell

MYB Theater Crew

Debbie Clark, Tessa Jenkins, Simran Kaur

Costuming

Judy Hansen

Ticketing

Katie Rattell

MYB Administrative Assistants

Sade Barnwell, Kia Deyo, Adrianna Hayden,
Daniel Ricci, Keri Joi Taylor

Preshow Musical Artists

Adversary (3:00)

Amadou Kouyate (5:00)

A special Thank You to the Cultural Arts Center's Theater 2 tech and crew for their support and hard work to present this evening's performance.



PARTICIPATING...



The Collective is a pre-professional student organization that bridges the gap between social and educational dance groups on campus. The Collective provides a safe space for theatre majors who are concentrating in dance and movement studies, dance minors, and any other students interested in learning and cultivating their dance and movement gifts.

www.bowiestate.edu



Divine Dance Institute's goal has been to provide a broad spectrum of arts education, preparing servants for the continually evolving technical arenas in the performing arts, all within a nurturing and professional environment. Divine Dance Institute (DDI) is the culmination of years of hard work and a firm belief that artistic expression as a positive force titillates the senses, and touches the heart.

www.divinedanceinstitute.com

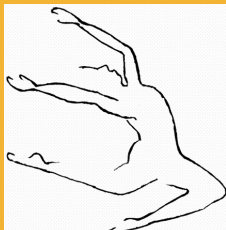


From its inception, **Full Circle** has been committed to presenting diverse stories, tackling real-world issues, and creating technically excellent work that engages and moves a broad audience.

www.fullcircledancecompany.org

ktm eXtreme dance project

ktm eXtreme dance project was founded in the fall of 1988 by Kevin T. Malone while choreographing his BFA Senior Dance Concert at University of the Arts. As a ever evolving and project focusing on bridging proud traditions of African American Dance Traditions with current modern times that promotes inclusivity, equity, diversity and art that is cross cultural for all to experience.



Originally established in 1992, **Morton Street Dance Center** is one of Baltimore's best and most comprehensive dance schools in the Baltimore, MD metropolitan area.

Morton Street's exceptional teaching staff offers exciting, age-appropriate, developmental instruction for professional level dancers and every member of the family ages 3 to adult.

www.mortonstreetdance.com

PARTICIPATING...

The logo for MOVE|NYC| features the word "MOVE" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, followed by a vertical bar and the letters "NYC" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, all set against a black rectangular background.

Founded in 2015, **MOVE|NYC|** is a leading-edge arts and social justice organization whose mission is to cultivate greater diversity and equity within the dance profession and beyond. MOVE|NYC| holds the important responsibility of shaping the next generation of dance artists and leaders and actualizes this responsibility by providing artistic training, mentorship, professional development, presenting opportunities, and other quintessential resources for career advancement.

www.movenyc.nyc

The logo for the Princess Mhoon Dance Institute consists of the words "PRINCESS", "MHOON", "DANCE", and "INSTITUTE" stacked vertically in a white, all-caps, sans-serif font on a black square background.

The **Princess Mhoon Dance Institute** is an acclaimed dance institute located in Washington, DC . Having served thousands of families through our in-studio and off-site programs, we believe that dance is a catalyst for personal, professional and artistic development.

www.princessmhoondance.com



The School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies (TDPS) at the **University of Maryland** (UMD) offers undergraduate and graduate programs that rank among the top in the country. The school creates a rich and productive learning environment that is part of a larger, comprehensive liberal arts experience provided in part by the College of Arts & Humanities and with the resources of a public research university. TDPS encourages the development of inclusive and diverse cultural perspectives.

tdps.umd.edu

The logo for The Viva School features the word "THE" in a small, purple, sans-serif font above the word "VIVA" in a large, bold, purple, sans-serif font, with the word "SCHOOL" in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font below it.

The **VIVA School of Dance**, located in Washington, DC centers young dancers of color, ages 6-18, in a progressive model of dance education that merges world-class dance training and leadership development to cultivate the creative leaders of tomorrow. Supported by a community of artists, educators and advocates, VIVA's young artists graduate prepared to impact a diverse and evolving world, gaining acceptance into the nation's top collegiate dance programs and conservatories.

www.thevivaschool.org

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The Washington School of Ballet (TWSB) is recognized nationally and internationally for its classical training and dedication to excellence in dance and dance education. TWSB provides a safe, nurturing environment enabling each student to explore their technical and artistic capabilities. Our mission is to inspire the next generation of young dancers to grow and expand to their full potential and to keep our community dancing.

www.washingtonballet.org

NOTE FROM MYB'S BHM COORDINATOR

It's hard to believe that we are now in our 5th year of MYB's annual Black History Month Celebration (BHM24)! The entire month has been filled with numerous special events and classes for both MYB's enrolled students and the community at large. It is our extended community that we hope to serve with this evening's performance, presented by MYB for the first time at the Cultural Arts Center, with over ten dance schools, colleges, companies and organizations from throughout the DMV.

*We humbly thank you for your support in attending this **historic** show of black dance excellence. If you find yourself inspired by what you see on the stage, we challenge you to consider making a personal or matched donation so that each of these organizations can continue to serve their communities. To help MYB continue to provide meaningful programming like this evening's event, please also consider donating specifically to Maryland Youth Ballet's Heritage Fund.*

While financial contributions are the goal, even more importantly, please continue to support live arts by attending shows. The next generation of dancers rely on it.

With Gratitude,



Pascha Barnwell
Black History Month Coordinator



SUMMER 2024

- Classes, Camps, Intensives
- Beginner-Advanced Levels - ages 2-17
- Performance Opportunities



www.marylandyouthballet.org

PROGRAM 1

3:00 | *Youngish*

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Jarrett Johnson featuring Alvin Chea

Maryland Youth Ballet

Kuku Drum Suite

Choreography by Sylvia Soumah

Drumming by Duane Smith, Robert Meyers, Baba Aziz, Gregory Martin

Zia Batler-Landau, Andre Coulbary, Ariel Coulbary, Rose Cross, Margaret Gordon, Gabriella Johnson, Lyriq Milam, Emma Notman-Villegas, Sydney-Grace Ntim, Emily Patton

Princess Mhoon Dance Institute

Be Alive

Choreography by Tashi Mhoon Cooper

Staged by Enemy Jones

Music by Beyoncé

Ariane Antoine, Jaynah Antoine, Silvia Buch, Thandi Cooper, Olivia Davis, Leilani James, Alexandra Koto, Asa Previna, Ivie Previna, Hannah Raskin, Ella Vonne Rice

Morton Street Dance Center

They Called Her Mad...

Choreography by Shaela Davis

Music by Mikey J

Ryann Covington, Kendall Felder, Jewel Pike, Ryan Faith Roberts, Nala Smith, Riley Watson, Zari Wheeler Oluwagbenga

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Emergence/I Am a Burgeoning

Choreography by Tamisha Guy & Chandini Darby

Music by Ori Lichtik & Zilpha, Max Richter & Text by Chandini Darby

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Not by Sight

Choreography by Ian DaSilva

Music by Bryce Dessner, Kronos Quartet

Kaleb Bland, Syann Mackey, Skylah Miller, Anaya McEachern-Medley, Mackenzi McGovern, Lena Nicholson, Brianne Strong

Divine Dance Institute

The Well

Choreography by Jelani Butler

Music by JeNard Carpenter

Jelani Butler, Emerald Ferguson, Hezekiah Hawkins, Mia Lawrence, Chris Owens

Morton Street Dance Center

Cried My Last Tear

Choreography by Algernon Campbell

Music by Mary Mary

Logan Beale, Aliyah Cade, Tori Caldwell, McKenzie Miller,
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The Washington School of Ballet

Travail En Cours

Choreography by Tammy Hurt & Adrian Vincent James

Music by Johann Johannson

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NIGEL CAMPBELL & CHANEL DASILVA
FOUNDERS & ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

- APPLICATION DEADLINE | MARCH 31, 2024
- IN-PERSON CALLBACKS | SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024
- SUMMER INTENSIVE | JULY 14 - 28, 2024

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GET READY TO
MOVE!

DC
SUMMER INTENSIVE



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DANCE INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON

TUITION: \$0

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- MUST be between the ages of 13 - 18
- MUST have a minimum of 2 years of dance training

For more details on how to apply please visit:
www.movenyc.nyc/dcsummerintensive

■ Email info.movenyc@gmail.com ■ FACEBOOK @ MOVE NYC ■ INSTAGRAM @ MOVE NYC ■ website www.movenyc.nyc

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Bowie State University: The Collective Dance Company

SOUL (Swinging into Our Unique Lives)

Choreography by Giovania Jones

Music by Berlioz

Zariya Evans, Nyla Gray, Noah Harris, Tanais Miller,
Nicole Robinson, Arianna Wakins

University of Maryland - College Park

Rise Up

Choreography by Morgan Smiley

Music by Andra Day

Toi Lyles & Morgan Smiley

The Washington School Of Ballet Adult Division

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~ ~ ~ INTERMISSION ~ ~ ~

Full Circle Dance Company

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TWSB Southeast 2024 Summer Programs @THEARC

Creative Dance & Pre-Ballet: June 24-July 19
Levels 1-2 & Teens: June 26-July 19
Levels 3-6: June 26-July 28



Visit www.washingtonballet.org/summer-programs/#se-summer-programs for more information about your dancer's class times

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July 29-August 9, 2024
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Closing Showcase
Saturday, August 10, 2024

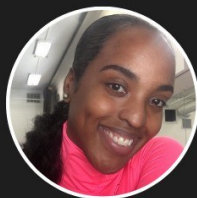


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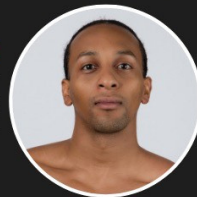
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