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**Dallas Black Dance Theatre celebrates Eleventh Year
Partnership with Publick Playhouse, Maryland**

DALLAS, April 21, 2014 - Dallas Black Dance Theatre returns to the Washington D.C./Maryland area for the 11th year of providing public performances, school outreach programs, and master classes with Publick Playhouse.

April 22nd through April 27th, Dallas Black Dance Theatre will present master classes, student and senior matinees and 3 evening performances at Publick Playhouse for the Performing Arts. Publick Playhouse is committed to making the arts a vital element of the community. Cultural diversity is a hallmark of the theater that attracts audiences from throughout the greater Washington metropolitan area. The Playhouse presents national and international touring acts and professional touring children's theatre to introduce school groups to the performing arts.

Highlighting this year's performances will be *The Nina Simone Project*, a work choreographed by the legendary **Dianne McIntyre** (New York) based on the life of **Nina Simone**. The work explores the singer's tumultuous life from her humble beginnings through her years of social consciousness and political advocacy. The presentation of *The Nina Simone Project* by Dallas Black Dance Theatre is made possible by the New England Foundation for the Arts' National Dance Project, with lead funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, with additional support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

DBDT's 2013-2014 touring season includes residencies in Laredo, **Texas**; Richmond, **Virginia**; Shreveport, **Louisiana**; and Cheverly, **Maryland**. Dallas Black Dance Theatre ends the 37th season celebrating the legacy of Founder and Artistic Director Ann Williams with a performance and gala in the world renowned Dallas Arts District. Williams has announced her plans to retire in May, 2014.

Located at 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD, Publick Playhouse will showcase Dallas Black Dance Theatre at 8:00 p.m. April 25-26 and at 6:00 p.m. on April 27.

TICKETS

Tickets are on sale now for \$25/\$20 for seniors, students and groups. Tickets are available by calling (301) 277-1710 or by visiting: www.pgparcs.com.

About Dallas Black Dance Theatre

Founded by Ann Williams, the mission of Dallas Black Dance Theatre is to create and produce contemporary modern dance at its highest level of artistic excellence through performances and educational programs that bridge cultures and reach diverse communities. With an ever-expanding national and global audience, the company employs a diverse, multi-ethnic troupe of dancers performing for audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Located at the eastern end of the thriving downtown Dallas Arts District, Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) is a nationally recognized professional modern dance company that engages the cross-cultural community through contemporary modern dance presented from the African-American experience. Over the course of its history, DBDT has

performed worldwide for 3 million arts patrons and 2 million students, grades K-12, and annually serves more than 115,000 persons in Dallas and the North Texas area, including more than 20,000 youth.

*Dallas Black Dance Theatre's professional company, **DBDT**, consists of 12 full-time professional dancers performing a mixed repertory of modern, jazz, African and spiritual works by nationally and internationally known choreographers. DBDT's second performing company, **DBDT II**, consists of 10 semi-professional artists from around the nation who provide dance services for DBDT's growing local and regional educational outreach.*

***Dallas Black Dance Academy** celebrates 40 years of providing dance instruction to the community. Over 475 students participate weekly in over 50 dance classes in the disciplines of ballet, jazz, tap, modern, and African. Classes are offered at the DBDT studios located at 2700 Flora Street in the Dallas Arts District.*

Sponsors for the 37th Season of Dance (2013-2014)

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