

# DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATRE



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## **Dallas Black Dance Theatre's "40 Years Forward" Archives Exhibition Tours North Texas**

Dallas, TX - **Dallas Black Dance Theatre's (DBDT) 40 Years Forward Archives Exhibition** continues its tour of North Texas with its current stop at **Dallas City Hall**, 1500 Marilla Street in Dallas, Texas, where it is on display through September 1, 2017. The exhibition celebrates the conclusion of the historic 40th anniversary season of the oldest continuously operating dance company in Dallas, highlighting major points of interest in its historic timeline. The exhibition is funded in part by a grant from the **City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs**.

The exhibit incorporates photographs of the earliest group of company dancers and members of the **Dallas Black Dance Academy**. It also highlights international tours, 1996 & 2012 performances at the **Olympics** and the acquisition of the historic **Moorland YMCA** building located in the Dallas Arts District. Memorabilia from DBDT gala legendary artists such as **Ray Charles** and **Harry Belafonte**, as well as a letter from **President Barack Obama** is showcased. It includes photos of DBDT dancers with **Her Majesty, The Queen Elizabeth II** on stage of the **Morton Meyerson Symphony Center** following a performance in 1991. A collection of dance costumes dating back three decades are paired with the designers' original concept drawings.

### **Upcoming exhibition tour dates include:**

**September 1 - September 30, 2017 - Dallas Public Library**, 1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX. (Fine Arts Collection floor).

**September 1 - September 30, 2017 - Pan African Connection**, 4466 S. Marsalis, Dallas, TX. (DanceAfrica memorabilia will be featured at this location.)

**September 1 - September 30, 2017 - The Paul Quinn College Library**, 3837 Simpson Stuart Rd., Dallas, TX 75241.

**October 16 - October 30, 2017 - NorthPark Center**, 8687 North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75225.

The archives exhibition project mission is to connect audiences to the rich history of Dallas Black Dance Theatre that was founded by **Ann Williams** and inspire a new appreciation in the arts as the dance company transitions into its 41st season with its new **Artistic Director, Bridget L. Moore**.

**The Dallas Arts District, One Arts and Billingsley Company** launched the exhibition on June 30, 2017 at One Arts Plaza.

### **About Dallas Black Dance Theatre**

Founded in 1976 by **Ann Williams**, Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) is the 10th largest minority arts organization in America, the fourth largest black dance company in the nation and the oldest continuously operating professional dance company in the City of

Dallas. Dallas Black Dance Theatre has been designated as an **"American Masterpiece Touring Artist" by the National Endowment for the Arts** and in 2017 was named **Texas Medal of Arts Awards recipient for Arts Education**.

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 in a historic facility at the eastern end of the thriving downtown Dallas Arts District, Dallas Black Dance Theatre is a nationally and internationally recognized professional modern dance company. DBDT engages the cross-cultural community through contemporary modern dance presented from the African American experience. Dallas Black Dance Theatre is a resident company member of the AT&T Performing Arts Center - Dee and Charles Wyly Theatre located in Dallas's Art District.

During its 41-year history, Dallas Black Dance Theatre has performed on five continents, in 15 countries and 31 states, including two Olympic Cultural events. Over the years, more than 4 million arts patrons and 2.6 million students, grades K-12, have experienced the dance company's performances and educational outreach programs. DBDT serves more than 100,000 people annually, including more than 20,000 youth in grades K-12 in Dallas-Fort Worth area schools each year. DBDT offers community outreach services through workshops, lecture/demonstrations, master-classes, residences, mini-performances and student matinees that are designed level-specific for elementary, middle, high school and university students. Annually another 20,000 youth and adults are reached through national and international festivals, tours, special performances at universities, social service agencies, professional and corporate organizations, civic events and community venues.

Dallas Black Dance Theatre is comprised of five performing companies and its training Academy. Dallas Black Dance Theatre's professional company, **DBDT**, consists of 12 full-time salaried dancers performing a mixed repertory of modern, jazz, African and spiritual works by national and international choreographers. **DBDT: *Encore!*** (formerly DBDT II) features eight artists of rising excellence from across the nation that support DBDT's growing local and regional educational outreach.

**Dallas Black Dance Academy**, the official school of Dallas Black Dance Theatre, celebrates 44 years of delivering dance instruction to a community of diverse backgrounds. Over 550 students participate weekly in 50 dance classes of ballet, jazz, tap, modern, and African at DBDT studios for ages four to adult. The academy has three performing ensembles: Allegro, DBDT's premier academy ensemble, Senior Performing Ensemble, and Junior Performing Ensemble.

For more details visit [www.DBDT.com](http://www.DBDT.com) and [www.dbdt.com/academy](http://www.dbdt.com/academy).

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**Dallas Black Dance Theatre 40 Years Forward Archive Exhibition at Dallas City Hall.**



**2010 DanceAfrica costume in DBDT 40 Years Forward Archive Exhibition at One Arts Plaza.**



**Dance costume sketch and final costume in Dallas Black Dance Theatre 40 Years Forward Archive Exhibition Tour at One Arts Plaza.**

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