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**Go “Behind the Scenes”**  
**With Dallas Black Dance Theatre**  
**During Thanksgiving Holiday**

In-person + On-Demand

Dallas, Texas – **Dallas Black Dance Theatre** invites the community to enjoy a free **Behind the Scenes** view of its two professional companies and three performing academy ensembles during the Thanksgiving holiday. This event has become a holiday tradition for many families during the Thanksgiving break.

**Behind the Scenes** allows the audience to experience the rehearsal process, peek at upcoming new works and meet the dancers. **Bank of Texas** is the presenting sponsor for the midday performances. The free family showing begins Monday and Tuesday, November 21-22, 2022, at Noon CST in the Dallas Black Dance Theatre studios at 2700 Ann Williams Way, Dallas, TX. 75201.

**Monday, November 21, 2022, at Noon CST**

DBDT and DBDT: *Encore!!*  
Dallas Black Dance Theatre studios

**Dallas Black Dance Theatre** and **DBDT: *Encore!*** will both be featured in this free program. DBDT will showcase excerpts from its 46th season as it does rehearsal run-throughs and previews what is in store for Cultural Awareness on February 17-18, 2023. DBDT: *Encore!* will share a glimpse of what it has planned for Rising Excellence on April 21-22, 2023.

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Noon CST**

Dallas Black Dance Academy  
Dallas Black Dance Theatre studios

**Dallas Black Dance Academy** will showcase the talents of students in its three performing ensembles: the **Allegro Performing Ensemble**, DBDT's premier academy ensemble, the **Senior Performing Ensemble**, and the **Junior Performing Ensemble**.

The ensembles will present a class demonstration and works in process, followed by a mini performance. There will also be a special presentation of an excerpt from the *Espresso Nutcracker* scheduled for December 10, 2022.

The **Behind the Scenes** performance will be available on-demand from Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Noon through Sunday, November 27, 2022, at 11:59 PM CST.

For more details, visit [www.DBDT.com](http://www.DBDT.com).

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**ABOUT DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATRE:** Founded in 1976 by **Ann Williams** under the direction of **Melissa M. Young**, Dallas Black Dance Theatre's mission is to create and produce contemporary modern dance at the highest level of artistic excellence through performances and educational programs that bridge cultures and reach diverse communities. As the largest and oldest professional dance company in Dallas, DBDT is the fourth-largest Black dance company in the nation, the ninth-largest contemporary modern dance company, and ranked 40th among the nation's leading ballet companies. Located in the thriving downtown Dallas Arts District, DBDT has performed worldwide for over 4.5 million arts patrons and 2.7 million students in 31 states and 16 countries on five continents. The performances include two **Olympics** (1996 & 2012), the nation's most prestigious venues (**Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, Broadway, Jacob's Pillow**), and for such luminaries as **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II** and **South African President Nelson Mandela**. Since the pandemic began in 2020, DBDT performances have also been viewed virtually in 34 countries. The Company has been recognized by the **National Endowment for the Arts** as an American Masterpiece Touring Artist (2008) and received the **Texas Medal of the Arts Award for Arts Education** (2017).

For more details about Dallas Black Dance Theatre visit [www.DBDT.com](http://www.DBDT.com).



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