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Dallas Black Dance Theatre Presents the 17th Annual DanceAfrica

Featuring Award-winning Guest Artists

Giwayen Mata from Atlanta,

**Booker T. Washington High School for the
Performing and Visual Arts Dance Conservatory,**

and

DeSoto A Cappella Choir and Varsity Women

In-person + Live Streaming + On-Demand

Dallas, TX – **Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT)** proudly presents the **17th Annual DanceAfrica** on **October 7-8, 2022**, at the **Moody Performance Hall** and the **DanceAfrica Festival & Marketplace** at **Klyde Warren Park** on **October 8, 2022**, in Dallas, Texas. This year's festival features performances by award-winning national and local guest artists. Joining Dallas Black Dance Theatre on stage is Atlanta's **Giwayen Mata**, a soul-stirring, all-sistah, ensemble celebrating the African Diaspora, **Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts** and the **DeSoto A Cappella Choir and Varsity Women**. **PNC Bank** is the Presenting Sponsor for DanceAfrica with Festival Presenter, the **Texas Commission on the Arts**, and Co-Sponsors, **H-E-B** and **Central Market**. All DanceAfrica events will feature virtual options. Patrons can view the performance in person, via live stream, or on-demand. Vendors can sell their products in person or in the virtual DanceAfrica Marketplace.

The beat of the drums throughout DanceAfrica is the pulse of who we are - it's our heartbeat, like being home. Dallas Black Dance Theatre's DanceAfrica features powerful movements and heart-searing drumming allowing African culture to flow through the music and dance of DBDT and **DBDT: *Encore!*** along with the **Allegro Performing Ensemble**, the **Senior Performing Ensemble**, and the **Junior Performing**

Ensemble of Dallas Black Dance Academy. Guest artist **Giwayen Mata** is an all-sistah, dance, percussion, and vocal ensemble presenting dynamic songs of the African Diaspora. Grounded by movements, rhythms, and songs of African heritage, Giwayen Mata presents performances that reflect, celebrate, and unlock the hidden treasures of Black womanhood. The ensemble has been awarded many honors, including the 2022 Katherine Dunham Tribute/Magnificent Sisters of Dance Award, and has been featured *on America's Got Talent* and *1st Look* on NBC.

The prestigious **Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Dance Conservatory** will present fierce movement in dedication to the female elders of the community. The institution, located in the heart of the Dallas Arts District, has received over 400 awards through the National Young Arts Foundation and produced 25 Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Award-winning **DeSoto A Cappella Choir and Varsity Women** will perform a tapestry of inspiring songs that capture the spirit of African traditions. The choir has performed at the world-renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City and toured internationally in London and Toronto.

The FREE Saturday daytime **DanceAfrica Festival & Marketplace** at Klyde Warren Park from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm provides fun, food, vendors, and entertainment for the entire family. Attendees can enjoy main stage performances by local community artists throughout the day. Vendors can also take part in a monthlong virtual marketplace connecting DBDT website viewers to the vendor web pages. To sign up to be a vendor at the in-person or virtual marketplace visit, <https://dbdt.com/danceafrica-become-a-vendor/>.

DanceAfrica Performances

October 7-8, 2022, 7:30 pm

Moody Performance Hall

2520 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75201

In-person + Live streaming + On-demand

DanceAfrica Festival & Marketplace – FREE

October 8, 2022, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Klyde Warren Park

2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, TX 75201

In-person tickets are \$45. Visit www.attpac.org or call 214-880-0202 for more information. Live streaming tickets are \$25 per household. For more performance details visit www.DBDT.com.

NO SUBSCRIPTIONS OR GROUP DISCOUNTS FOR THE 46^H SEASON

Dallas Black Dance Theatre limits seating capacity to allow for social distancing in all performance venues. Because of the limited in-person ticket availability, DBDT will not be able to give discounts to groups or subscriptions this year.

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ABOUT DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATRE: *Founded in 1976 by Ann Williams, 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.



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