LA Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Performing Arts Program

DCA Black Arts @ WAA

Presenter Showcases/Receptions

Sunday, August 25 – Thursday, August 29, 2019
Info: Yvonne Farrow, yvonne.farrow@lacity.org or 213-202-5551

Community Build, Inc. and DCA

LA Artists and WAA Presenters/Agents

DCA Welcome Reception

Plus the Historic Leimert Park Village Art Walk, Amplify Africa Lounge, and We Love Leimert
Sunday, August 25, 5pm-7:00pm
Historic Leimert Park – Community Build Park
4305 Degnan Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90008
RSVP HERE

Leimert Park is the historic core of LA’s African American cultural and civic community and the site of the Vision Theatre (scheduled to open in 2021). Come meet all of the artists featured in the Black Arts Platform and the visiting WAA membership and LA based arts leadership. Immediately after the Black Arts @ WAA Symposium at Lula Washington Dance Studio (see WAA Conference Schedule), DCA Performing Arts Program and Community Build Inc. will host a reception for LA Artists and WAA Presenters/Agents from 5-7pm at Community Build in Leimert Park. The reception is Invite only or WAA Membership Badge. The Art Walk is open to everyone.

The Leimert Park Village Art Walk is curated by Ben Caldwell, Kaos Network and Karen Mack, LA Commons.
We Love Leimert is curated by Kaya Dantzler and Nijuel Porter.
The Amplify Africa Lounge is curated by Timilehin Adeyeba, Damilare Kujembola, and Sika.
Catering provided by Ackee Bamboo Jamaican Cuisine.
Wine provided by Zuri Wine Tasting.
Planned in partnership Lula Washington Dance Studio and Community Build, Inc.

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Black Music in LA @ WAA

DCA Presenter Showcase

Sunday, August 25 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Curated by Dr. Patrisse Cullors (Co-Founder – Black Lives Matters), Damon Turner (Trap Heals), Leigh Ann Hahn (Grand Performances), and KJAZZ (LA’s Jazz and Blues Station)
Sunday, August 25 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm
Presenter Showcase (Pre Networking Reception at 5-7pm)
Community Build Plaza
4305 Degnan Blvd., Los Angeles, 90028
RSVP HERE
Inspired by the annual New York Winter Jazz Festival, this new music platform will take place at important venues in Leimert Park Village, the historic African American neighborhood and cultural core in Los Angeles. Once dubbed the “Black Greenwich Village”, five historic jazz and music venues will host a WAA Black Music in LA platform at the Barbara Morrison Performing Arts Center, Los Angeles Third Church, The World Stage, Hot and Cool Cafe, and KAOS Network. Free access to the venues with the WAA attendees. Artists to be announced. This is a 15 minute uber/lyft ride from the conference hotel. **This event is produced in collaboration with Grand Performances.**

Artists to be featured: Black Nile, Anthony Wilson, Joshua White, CoolNasty, Iman Europe, AfroZen, Aponte, William Hawkins, Marcus Miller and Mehdi Bagheri - Afro-Persian Experience, Nia Andrews, Jimetta Rose presents Voices of Creation, and Dr. Shamell Bell. Other artists to be announced.

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**Black Dance in LA @ WAA**

**DCA Presenter Showcase**

Curated by Gayle Hooks (Dance @ The Holden and Ebony Repertory Theatre)
and Pat Taylor (JazzAntiqua Dance and Music Ensemble)

Monday August 26, 8pm

(Pre Networking reception at 6:30pm at Nate Holden Cabaret Room)

Nate Holden Performing Arts Center
4708 W Washington Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90016

RSVP **HERE**

The legacy and contributions of Black choreographers and dancers in Los Angeles is historic and significant, and it is now a hotbed of some of the most creative and urgent works being created in the US and that celebrate the African diaspora. **Curated by two esteemed voices in the LA dance community, the Black Dance in LA @ WAA showcase will showcase established and emerging choreographic voices that showcase the breadth of the LA dance scene.** Free and open to LA’s dance community and WAA attendees. Artists to be announced. This event is a 15/20 minute Uber/Lyft ride from the conference hotel.

Artist to be showcased include:

- SOULY DANCE ARTS - Willy Souly, choreographer

- Project21Dance - Maura Townsend, choreographer

- Nojone.Art House - Christopher Emile, artistic director; Samantha Blake Goodman, choreographer

- JazzAntiqua Dance & Music Ensemble - Pat Taylor, choreographer

- ELECTROGYNOUS - d. Sabela grimes, choreographer

- B. Dunn Movement - Brigette Dunn-Korpela, choreographer

- Viver Brasil - Linda Yudin and Luiz Badaró, artistic directors; Vera Passos, choreographer

The Dance Community Networking Reception is a collaboration with International Association of Blacks in Dance, Dance Resource Center, Dance @ The Holden, and DCA Performing Arts.
Black Queer Arts in LA @ WAA
DCA Showcase and Dance Ball
Curated by Miss B Nation and Good Trouble Makers presenting Nasty Fruit
Tuesday, August 27, 10pm - 12midnight (plus after!)
Precinct DTLA
357 S Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90013
RSVP Here

Los Angeles is a historic home and current hotbed for radical queer performance and two of LA’s leading curators, MJ Brown aka Miss Barbie-Q and Kai Hazelwood, of performance and nightlife will join forces to produce an artist showcase for WAA membership and LA’s LGBTQA performance community. Featuring leading performance artists and night life entertainers, the Black Queer Arts in LA Showcase makes space for LA’s leading Black performance artists during the WAA conference at Precinct DTLA, one of LA’s legendary gay venues. Free and open to everyone. Artists to be announced. Must be 21+ to enter. This is 5 minute uber/lyft ride from conference hotel. This event will occur immediately following the WAA Juried Showcase.

Artists to be showcased include: Mimi Tempestt, Johnathan Toliver, Shockrocker69, Puzzi Niggr, Kai Hazelwood, Miss Barbie-Q – Host. Other artists to be announced.

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