

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019



212 STUDENTS

16 PART TIME TEACHING ARTISTS

5 PART TIME ACCOMPANISTS

T.U.P.A.C. Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center





JULY T.U.P.A.C. inaugurated our Royal Court Prince & Princess Dance Camp. Our multicultural students had story time, pre-ballet, arts & crafts, lunch, choreography, field trips and performed a weekly themed program for their friends and families.

Tacoma Art Museum (TAM) presents its summer exhibition, To Sing of Beauty, which focused on the power, beauty, and richness of Blackness. To Sing of Beauty features a video installation by Northwest artist C. Davida Ingram . Opening day activities included a dance interpretation by Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center.



Artist C. Davida Ingram was so moved by the TAM performance of T.U.P.A.C. students, she wrote a short film, *Rootsystems and Leylines: NW Detention Center* for our students to perform in. The film depicts a dreamscape of dancers outside of the Northwest Detention Center during the Trump administration's anti-immigrant regime.

T.U.P.A.C. Students perform on the Main Stage at Ethnic Fest, Tacoma.



AUGUST T.U.P.A.C. Student, Renee Williams performs to an original classical composition, Quietude, by harpist Mona Terry for the production of, Let the Strings Sing. An annual event celebrating classical music composed and played by African American Artists at the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute.

Marie Chong, Artistic Director of Arc Ballet, Seattle & Master Teacher guest teaches a Master Class at T.U.P.A.C.

PNB School Principal & Master Teacher, Abby Seigal guest teaches a Master Class at T.U.P.A.C.

T.U.P.A.C. Students perform at People's Park for the Hilltop Street Fair.

SEPTEMBER T.U.P.A.C. begins our 2nd Fall/Winter Session.

T.U.P.A.C. holds auditions and begins rehearsals for our Urban Nutcracker.



Local Artist, Jeremy Gregory is comissioned to create our Urban Nutcracker doll and Mask.



Our Nutcracker's image is an homage to Jean-Jacques Dessalines. Under Dessalines, Haiti became the first country in the Americas to permanently abolish slavery. We are committed to creating Performance Traditions for our underserved communities featuring relatable heroes and sheros.



T.U.P.A.C. begins TTT – Thursday's at TAM with T.U.P.A.C. A partnership with the Tacoma Art Museum, a program to introduce new audiences to dance and art.

OCTOBER T.U.P.A.C. students perform at Kaleidoscope, Opening of the City of Tacoma's Art month.

T.U.P.A.C. students perform at the Oasis of Hope NAACP Health Fair.

T.U.P.A.C. begins weekly workshop with the Tacoma Rescue Mission children & teens.



Robert Moore, Mary Sigward, Alex Crozier, Professional Dancers from Spectrum Dance Theater, begin rehearsals in the roles of, The Nutcracker, Sugar Plum Fairy and Prince Cavalier and Eric Clausell creates the role of Drosselmeyer in our Urban Nutcracker.

SPICE, featuring dances of Africa and the Middle East holds a Benefit Concert for T.U.P.A.C.

NOVEMBER Klair Ethridge speaks at Evergreen State College, Olympia Campus on Equity in the Arts, and the Lack Thereof.

T.U.P.A.C. begins monthly partnership teaching students from Upward Bound.

PNB shares costumes for The Urban Nutcracker with T.U.P.A.C.



The Urban Nutcracker opened at Stadium High School, all three performances were sold out.

DECEMBER T.U.P.A.C. students perform selections from The Urban Nutcracker at Annie Wright School.

T.U.P.A.C. students perform for The Links, Inc. Mental Health Symposium.

Upward Bound workshop students present end of session performance.

JANUARY

T.U.P.A.C. students begin rehearsals for our new Ballet, Harriet: The Black Swan. The story of Harriet Tubman's life is told in Four Seasons performed by 4 dancers depicting different stages of her life.



Local Artist, Arissa Mohammad is commissioned to create art to depict Harriet Tubman's visions and journeys which will be projected over the dancers during the Ballet.

FEBRUARY Snowmageddon brings Tacoma to a halt – rehearsals for Harriet are suspended for over a week.

Bainbridge Island Museum of Art co/performance with C Davida Ingram's exhibition of her film is cancelled due to snow.

Partnership with PCAF, Pierce County Aids Foundation begins with weekly Pose/Ballroom kultur classes.





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PNB's only female black dancer teaches a Master Class for our students. She has a post show talk sharing her path and experiences as a black ballerina in a white world.

Harriet: The Black Swan has sold out performances in an in-studio presentation.

MARCH Dancer's from Alvin Ailey II teach Master Classes at T.U.P.A.C., our students attend their performance at the Pantages Theatre courtesy of STG.



T.U.P.A.C. students perform the Finale from Harriet, for Tacoma Mayor, Victoria Woodards State of the City Address at UPS.

T.U.P.A.C. students perform at the DeLong Elementary School, Unity in the Community event.

APRIL

Daphne Lee of DTH teaches a Master Class at T.U.P.A.C.
T.U.P.A.C. Students take a field trip to The Paramount Theatre in Seattle to a
Dance Theatre of Harlem performance.



Sound Credit Union gifts T.U.P.A.C. with \$500 as a Community Challenge recipient.

T.U.P.A.C. students take another field trip to see Marie, Dancing Still, a musical featuring NYC Ballet Principal Dancer, Tyler Peck at the 5th Ave Theatre.



MAY Rehearsals for the End of Session Recital begin.

JUNE Ballet Director, Julie Tobiason presents her 2nd Benefit Concert for T.U.P.A.C.

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T.U.P.A.C.

SUMMER BENEFIT CONCERT 2019

A TACOMA EXCLUSIVE & ONE NIGHT ONLY PERFORMANCE!



Donald Byrd, Artistic Director of Spectrum Dance Theater taught a Master Class at T.U.P.A.C.

T.U.P.A.C. students had a great End of Session Recital.



T.U.P.A.C. Students performed the Finale of Harriet: The Black Swan for McMenamins Juneteenth Celebration.