

PRELUDE: STAND UP

Music: Cynthia Erivo

Choreographer and Costumes: Alfreda Davis

Performers: Shakeer Hood, Aniva Harris, Nakita Guiteau, Mariann Savane, Rams Lyne Thomas

IN THE MIDST

Music: William Grant Still

Choreographer: Adrian James — Costume Susan Huang and Sharon Huang Nakita Guiteau, Mariann Savane, Julie Johnson, Jynel Zeitz, Fran Theofilou, Chih-Rong Kou, Susan Huang, Sharon Huang, Adhya Yaratha

INTERLUDE I

DREAMBOAT

Music: Joviale

Choreographer and Costumes: Jynel Zeitz

Performers: Jynel Zeitz, Marianne Savane, Chih-Rong Kou, Susan Huang, Sharon Huang, Fran Theofilou, Nakita Guiteau

INTERMISSION

EXHAUSTION IN SIN

Music: Michael Wall and Black Coffee

Choreographer and Costumes: Shekinah Brown

Performers: Shakeer Hood, Aniya Harris, Nakita Guiteau, Mariann Savane, Julie Johnson, Jynel Zeitz, Fran Theofilou

LOST ONES

Music: Lauryn Hill

Choreographer and Costumes: Shakeer Hood, Aniya Harris Performers: Marianne Savane , Chih-Rong Kou , Rams-Lyne Thomas, Shakeer Hood, Aniya Harris, Julie Johnson, Jynel Zeitz, Sharon Huang

INTERLUDE II

PASSION

Music: Ayoni and Terence Etc.

Choreographer and Costumes: Fran Theofilou

Performers: Shakeer Hood, Aniya Harris, Jynel Zeitz, Fran Theofilou, Sharon Huang

COLLABORATION

Music: Beyonce

Choreographers: Alfreda Davis with Student Collaborators Costumes: Alfreda Davis

Performers: Company

Our Roots

Black Movements Dance Theatre is a contemporary modern dance company in which the artistic development fuses the mediums of dance and theater, to reflect the richly diverse traditions of the African-American experience. BMDT performs a mixed repertoire of modern, jazz, ballet, African, lyrical, hip hop, and spiritual works. The 2023–2024 company is a group of committed dancers who share the founders' vision and passion for dance.

BMDT's Artistic Director

Alfreda Davis is BMDT's Artistic Director. She is an award winning artist and educator. Under her leadership, BMDT has been recognized for its outstanding academic programming and organizational diversity. Alfreda has been recognized as an outstanding faculty director and for recruiting the finest artists for students to train with .In spring 2016, she created a Master Class Series which led to new innovations. She created the first In Studio Presentation (ISP) at Georgetown in 2008. In Fall 2023, She created the Emerging Artist Series to provide a platform for local and rising artists to present their work and collaborate with the students. She is the founder and Artistic Director of Black Pearl Dance Theatre and creator of Arts So Alive! arts program. She is proud to uphold the legacy of Black Movements Dance Theatre.

BMDT Executive Board

Shakeer Hood (CAS '24)

Student Director

Jynel Zeitz (MSB '25)

Business Manager

Fran Theofilou(SON '24) Susan Huang (SOH '26)
Asst. Student Co-Director Costume Co-Coordinator

Rams-Lyne Thomas(CAS '25) Sharon Huang (SFS'26)

<u>Asst. Student Co-Director</u> <u>Costume Co-Coordinator</u>

Aniya Harris (CAS' 24) Nakita Guiteau (SFS '24)

<u>Assistant to the Artistic Director</u>

<u>Production Manager</u>

BMDT Company Members - 2023-2024

Aniya Harris (CAS '24), Shakeer Hood (Cas '24), Nakita Guiteau(SFS '24), Sharon Huang (SFS '26), Susan Huang (SOH '26), Julie Johnson (SFS '25) Aidan Munroe ('27), Fatiha Fasasi ('2,) Lori Pierre

('27), Chih-Rong Kuo (Sfs'27), Marianne Savane (SON'25), Rams Lyne Thomas (Cas'25), Francesca Theofilou (SON'24) Adhya Yaratha (CAS'27), Jynel Zeitz (MSB'25)

BMDT Production Staff

Adriane Longhurst - Lighting / Board Operator Sound - Lily Marino Stage Manager - Cecelia Cassidy

Department of Performing Arts

Benjamin Harbart, Phd - Chair of the Dept of Performing Arts, DIrector of Undergraduate Studies

Natsu Onoda Power, PhD - Professor, Artistic Director of the Davis Performing Arts Center

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Alicia Digiorgi - Director of Production

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Caitlin Lawlor - Public relations, Marketing and Special Events Specialist

Stanley Bahorek - Community Engagement and Development_Manager

Clarielle Marsh - Operation and Events Manager

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BMDT would like to thank you for your support. Special thanks to DPA technical staff and our production staff who volunteered their time and talent for this showcase.

SUPPORT

Want to support our future endeavors? If you are interested in discussing how you can support Black Movements Dance Theatre please contact the Department of Performing Arts at 202-687-3838 or visit our website www.blackmovementsdance.com Thank you for your continued support of Black Movements Dance Theatre.