

UGA Department of Dance

*presents*

# AMISTAD WE STAND

Celebrating Black History  
Through Performance  
Directed by Jason Aryeh

**February 17, 2023**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**February 18, 2023**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**New Dance Theatre**  
**Dance Building**

*Karyne Medley*  
2017

# Program

## Rites and Rituals

Choreographer.....	Jason Aryeh
Dancers.....	Gigi Anderson, Summer Arrington, Abriana Byrd, Elizabeth Clark, Alyssa Dula, Jaalah Evans, Sofia Ferucci, Kendyl Hayes, Emery Martin, Vivian Munce, Rhenay Robinson, Olivia Sayer, Lindsey Sewell, Elizabeth Steele, Hadiya Williams, Madelyn Wolfe
Music.....	“Genesis” by The African Foot Print Company, Children of African by The African Footprint Company, “Circle of Life” Lion King (District 78 Remix)
Costumes By.....	Emmanuel Siam

## We Stand

Choreographer.....	Jason Aryeh
Dancers– Friday Performance.....	Abriana Byrd, Elizabeth Clark, Alyssa Dula, Kendyl Hayes, Emery Martin, Elizabeth Steele, Hadiya Williams, Madelyn Wolfe
Dancers– Saturday Performance.....	Gigi Anderson, Summer Arrington, Jaalah Evans, Sofia Ferrucci, Vivian Munce, Rhenay Robinson, Olivia Sayer, Lindsey Sewell
Music.....	“My Power” by Beyoncé
Costume.....	Emmanuel Siam

## Roots

Choreographer.....	Jason Aryeh
Dancers.....	Gigi Anderson, Summer Arrington, Abriana Byrd, Elizabeth Clark, Alyssa Dula, Jaalah Evans, Sofia Ferrucci, Kendyl Hayes, Emery Martin, Vivian Munce, Rhenay Robinson, Olivia Sayer, Lindsey Sewell, Elizabeth Steele, Hadiya Williams, Madelyn Wolfe
Music.....	“Get Your Freak On” (Remix) by Missy Elliot

## Old School Groove

Choreographers..... Jaalah Evans,  
Dawn Sawyer, Kydae Scott  
Dancers..... Summer Arrington, Jaalah Evans,  
Theodore Poole, Dawn Sawyer, Kydae Scott  
Music..... “She’s a Bad Mama Jama”  
by Carl Carlton

## Black Woman

Choreographer..... Jason Aryeh  
Dancers..... Gigi Anderson, Summer Arrington,  
Abriana Byrd, Elizabeth Clark, Sofia Ferrucci, Kendyl Hayes,  
Emery Martin, Vivian Munce, Rhenay Robinson, Olivia Sayer,  
Lindsey Sewell, Elizabeth Steele, Hadiya Williams, Madelyn Wolfe  
Music..... “One Billion Rising” soundtrack from the short film

## ~ Intermission ~

## Uhuru

Choreographer..... Hadiya Williams  
Dancers..... Olivia Byers, Elizabeth Clark,  
Alyssa Dula, Jaalah Evans, Kendyl Hayes, Abby Schulze,  
Lindsey Sewell, Madelyn Wolfe  
Music..... “Come Here Jesus, If You Please” by Moses Hogan,  
“Be Free” by Trent Shelton, “Run Free” by Dennis Ferrer

## Do I Know You?\*

Choreographer..... Laila Glover  
Dancers..... Emily Alonso, Olivia Anderson,  
Lily Hart, Jordan Lange, Tiffany Kovash, Sarah Macomber,  
Tiffany Oltjenbruns, Cailyn Rhodes, Cimara Shakelford, Imani Tornes,  
Katie Watkins, Raven Winder  
*Understudies-* Egypt Byrd, Kendra Sha  
Music..... “Fake Geometrie” by Nebulo, “Moon Juice”  
by Thriftworks

\* Guest performance by Brenau University (Friday only)

## **Walking Monolith\***

Choreographer..... Samira Butts  
Dancers..... Samira Butts, Kydae Scott, Shelby Williams  
Music..... "Shelter" by John Legend

*\*Guest performance by Pamoja Dance Company*

## **Benevolence**

Choreographer..... Lindsey Sewell  
Dancers..... Abriana Byrd, Kendyl Hayes,  
Emery Martin, Vivian Munce, Regan Sadowski,  
Olivia Sayer, Abby Schulze, Hadiya Williams, Madelyn Wolfe  
Music..... "Haunted" by Beyoncé ,  
"Find Your Way Back" by Beyoncé  
Costume by..... Melissa Sewell

## **Bottom of the River\***

Choreographer..... Tajah Thomas,  
assisted by Sydni Sims  
Dancers..... Anna Jo Dunlop, Sahara Fielteau,  
Jovi Grantham, Molly Harwell, Sydni Sims, Tajah Thomas  
Music..... "Bottom of the River" by Delta Rae  
Costume By..... Georgeleen Ofori

*\* Guest performance by East Athens Educational Dance Center (Friday only)*

## **Alien Superstar**

Choreographer..... Theodore Poole  
Dancers..... Theodore Poole  
Music..... "Alien Superstar" by Beyoncé

## Desperado

Choreographer.....Lindsey Sewell, Hadiya Williams  
Dancers.....Lindsey Sewell, Hadiya Williams  
Music.....“Desperado” by Rihanna

## Yankadi/Makru\*

Choreographer..... Reset by Madia Cooper-Ashirifi  
Dancers..... Egypt Byrd, Isabella Scarlett,  
Cimara Shackelford, Imani Tornes  
Musician.....Jason Hann

*\* Guest performance by Brenau University*

## Drum Dance

Choreographer..... Reset by Jason Aryeh  
Dancers..... Elizabeth Clark, Jaalah Evans,  
Amanda Kiefer, Emery Martin, Olivia Sawyer, Lindsey Sewell,  
Elizabeth Steele, Hadiya Williams  
Musicians.....Amber Fetner, Louis Romanos, Musa Sutton



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# Director's Notes

Greetings!

Welcome to "Amistad We Stand." a performance in celebration of Black History and Humanity. Amistad is a Spanish word meaning Friendship. As a choreographer and humanist living in the world, I am compelled to embrace many things happening around me, as these stories constantly affect my life and creativity. This year's theme, "Amistad We Stand", approaches the need to embrace every race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and religious background in order to build a community that strongly believes in the power of diversity. Diversity will help us journey to the shining stars, and if coupled with inclusion, our lights will burn longer. Black history has been remembered and celebrated in many forms and ways, and this history intertwines in everyone's history. Together we are better, smarter, and stronger.

I am most grateful to have had the opportunity and pleasure of sharing my artistic vision through my creative movements with these talented students, guest musicians, artists and the wonderful production crew.

I am dancing towards the future where the fight for the struggle to gain human and equal rights will be a thing of the past. A future where changes come from the power of many, but only when the many can come together to form that which is invincible. I hope you will join me!

Enjoy the Show!

Jason Aryeh

Artistic Director and Choreographer

## **Brenau University Dance Department**

The Department of Dance at Brenau University educates the individual as a dance practitioner, scholar, and artist in a creative, supportive, and challenging environment. The department provides a foundation in classical ballet, modern, movement/methods of the African Diaspora, and jazz dance. Students are encouraged to explore their values while creating a personal philosophy as an artist with responsibility and integrity.

## **East Athens Educational Dance Center**

The East Athens Educational Dance Center is a state-of-the-art facility of the Athens Clarke County Unified Government. It offers a full gamut of dance classes, including ballet, tap, jazz, modern, and hip-hop producing performances throughout the year. The mission of EAEDC is to present quality dance education to enhance awareness, appreciation, and quality of life for all participants and citizens of the Athens Clarke County Community. The accelerated students are selected through an audition process and are committed to an intense level of training which affords them the level of experience to represent EAEDC throughout the community.

## **Pamoja Dance Company**

Founded in 1974, Pamoja strives to create an inclusive, non-competitive environment for students to express themselves through dance.

## **Special Thanks to Our Production Crew:**

Artistic Director: Jason Aryeh

Lighting Designer: Carina McGeehin

Stage Manager: Sky Poole

House Manager: Erin O'Keefe, Aria Surka

Light Board Operator: Alaylla Watkins

Sound Operator: Addison Sutherland

Back Stage Assistants: Haleigh Green, Theodore Poole

Costume Organizer: Kailey Breed

Poster Design: Richmond Lartey

Program Design: Sky Poole

And to:

Dr. Skip Taylor, Head, Department of Dance

Betty Prickett, Business Manager

UGA Dance Company

Ron Braxley, College of Education OIT

Brenau University

East Athens Educational Dance Center

Pamoja Dance Company

Georgeleen Ofori

Melissa Sewell

## **Upcoming Event:**

**UGA Dance Company Spring Faculty and Guest Artist Concert**

Thursday April 20th — 8pm

Friday April 21st — 8pm

Saturday April 22nd — 2pm & 8pm

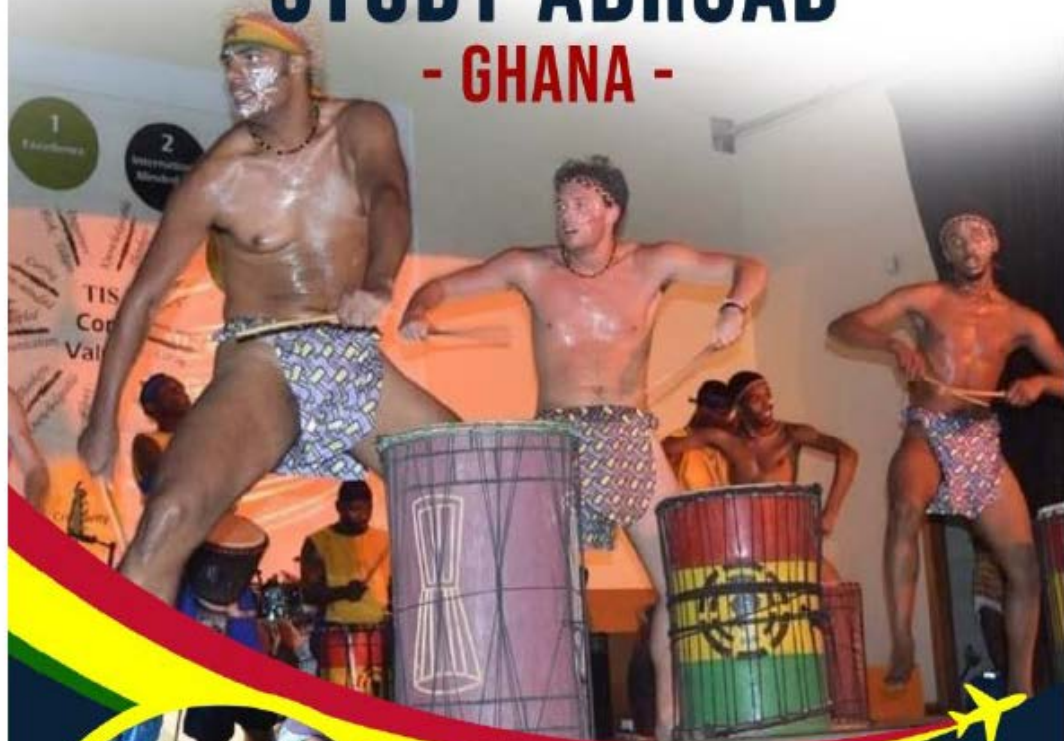
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