

**11th Annual  
Maryland Dance Alliance Performance  
Friday, February 24, 2023**



7:00 P.M.

Prince George's Community College Center for the Performing Arts  
Largo, Maryland

Sponsored by the Maryland Dance Education Association

*The mission of the Maryland Dance Alliance is to cultivate student leadership through the participation of schools, studios, and community programs with National Honor Society for Dance Arts chapters and make connections between high school age dance programs from across Maryland.*

## **Maryland Dance Alliance Program**

*Please silence all cell phones and any other sound-making devices.*

*No flash photography or videotaping of any kind is permitted.*

### **Amend**

*Edgewood High School*

*Danielle Strange, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Aaliyah Ayantayo, Kyra Bonnell, Avanna Brown, Raylynn Carrion, Taylor Day, Sharon De Biase, Ava Demcher, Tiffany Dirton, Sai Asia Dorner, Jillian Hester, Avery Merkle, Melani Nauta-Borja, Ashleah Ringgold, Leyana Ringgold, Zoey Seummalavanh-Sayarath, Ivy Simmons, Evelyn Stryjewski*

*Choreographer: Melissa Turka*

*Music: Hold On by SBTRKT*

### **On the Other Side**

*Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School*

*Michelle (Mimi) McDonald, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Halen Blair, Mammah Conteh, Taylor Davis, Bryce Elazier, Olivia Hagan, La'Mya Ortiz, Kaiya Scales, Nydeya Sutton, Aaliyah Wilson*

*Choreographer: Nannie Bell*

*Music: London has Fallen by Trevor Morris*

### **Mad Tea Party**

*Kinetics Dance Theatre/The Kinetics Youth Ensemble*

*Alex J. Krebs, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Aidan Burnham, Lee Dugan, Autumn Hitchcock, Delaney Lane, Sophia Lippe, Meredith Sorensen, Gwyneth Watson*

*Choreographer: Alex J. Krebs*

*Music: Come Along by Cosmo Sheldrake*

### **Where is My Mind?**

*Franklin High School*

*Leanne Gibson, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Torri Anhwere, Cassidy Bridgers-Thomas, Jairrah Clark, Savana Githinji, Trinity Hicks, Rochelle Lambert, Montana Mitchell-Jones, Bea Louise Montances,*

*Tara Stalusky, Elizabeth Wirts*

*Choreographer: Leanne Gibson*

*Music: Where Is My Mind? (Piano Version) by The Blue Notes*

## **Rise Up**

*Bowie High School*

*Tamara Henry, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Taylor Boatwright, Kadija Bundu, Sophia Hernandez, Niyale Hill, Isatu Jalloh, Aiyanna Martin, Arya Persaud, Jaiyanna Porter, Amari Reid, Feyishayo Showunmi, Analeece Singleton, Ja'Nae Smith, Sionna Williams, Rilyn Wingate*

*Choreographer: Tamara Henry*

*Music: Keep Rising - Rise Up by Jessy Wilson featuring Angélique Kidjo*

## **I Just Came Here to Party**

*Oldfields School*

*Carrie Hammond, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Mikayla Alavrez, Kiki Bejide, Merritt Conner, Phoenix Eley, Chiya Gibson, Sarah Vassell*

*Choreographer: Raegan Fisher*

*Music: Please Don't Stop the Music by Jamie Cullum*

## **Soca**

*Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School*

*Michelle McDonald, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Bryce Elazier, Halen Blair, La'mya Drtiz, Madison Pendergrast, Nydeya Sutton, Olivia Hagans, Sage Monton, Taylor Davis, Zingwa Alem*

*Choreographer: Nydeya Sutton*

*Music: Drift by Fay-Ann Lyons*

## **Perfectly Flawed**

*Potomac High School*

*Marsinah Vaughn, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Aniya Furbush, Amiyah Gary, Alexandra Harlan, Zaniah Jackson, Johneeka Parson, Serenity Styles*

*Choreographer: Marsinah Vaughn*

*Music: All of Me by John Legend*

## **Greed**

*Owings Mills High School*

*Christina Collins, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Cree Cathey, Alma Garcia-Orellana, Diamond Livers-Martin, Melany Lontero, Tania Noyola, Alana Rogers, Saevonni Serrano, Kayla Soumare, Trinity Winkler*

*Choreographer: Alana Rogers*

*Music: Quick Musical Doodles by Two Feet*

## **Coffin**

*Northwestern High School*

*Sandra Atkinson, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Jodiann Adams, Suzy Adima, Angela Amaya, Angelia Baxley, Kaylee Carcamo, Ariana Champion, Jazmyne Cesar, Sharae Freeman, Dana Moore, Brianna Moscoso, Maya Smith, Cooper Reynolds, Maya Smith, Shalom Sery-ble,*

*Jessika Turcios, Miranda Wetie*

*Choreographer: Cooper Reynolds*

*Music: Coffin by Lil Yachty*

## **Warrior**

*Largo High School*

*Keitra Casimir, Dance Teacher*

*Dancers: Kyra Bizzell, Ranita Chapman, Lailah Fersner, Alexis Ford, Helaynah Foster, Savannah Foster, Alicia Hampson, Sahniya Lane,*

*Claire Nkengafac, Nadine Williams*

*Choreographer: Keitra Casimir*

*Music: The Stampede by Hans Zimmer*



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The mission of the Maryland Dance Education Association is to serve dance educators and elevate dance in the State of Maryland as a creative process, discipline, and performing art that informs the human experience in a variety of environments including, but not limited to, dance studios, K-12 schools, colleges, universities, recreational and community centers.

The Maryland Dance Education Association is a proud state affiliate to the National Dance Education Organization.

For more information about the Maryland Dance Education Association, please visit [www.mddanceed.org](http://www.mddanceed.org).



Thank you to the following schools/organizations/studios who attended today's Maryland Dance Alliance:

*Aberdeen High School*  
*Bowie High School*  
*Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School*  
*Edgewood High School*  
*Franklin High School*  
*Kinetics Dance Theatre*  
*Largo High School*

*Mount de Sales Academy*  
*Northwestern High School*  
*Oldfields School*  
*Owings Mills High School*  
*Potomac High School*  
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