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## **Williams Dance Department**

Presents

# **Pachedu**

(Among Ourselves)

## (F) All Ensembles Performance

#### CoDa

Artistic Directors Erica Dankmeyer, Janine Parker

> Company Musicians John Sauer, Gary Rzab

#### Kusika

Artistic Directors Sandra L. Burton, Tendai Muparutsa

#### Sankofa

Presidents Veronica R. Berger '22, Sydney Pope '23 Drill Sergeants Magdalena Blaise '22, Bálint Szollosi '23

## The Zambezi Marimba Band

Artistic Director Tendai Muparutsa

**Lighting Designer**Kate Ashton

## **Costume Coordinator**

Charlie Barnett IV

## Sankofa Costume Coordinator

Samuel Ojo '22

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#### **PERFORMERS**

#### **CODA DANCERS**

Alex Bernstein '23+, Mimi Campbell '23+, Keshini Cardozo '24, Sadie Fernandez '25, Micaela Foreman '23+, Junhee Lee '24, Beam Maskati '25, Caroline Morrissey '25, April Owens '24, Dover Sikes '24, Mira Sneirson '22+, Linnea Stenborg '25, Onassa Sun '25, Caprice Turchiano '25, Paola Villanueva Astilleros '25, Lucy Walker '23+, Mayor Watts '25, Ashley Xu '22+

## **KUSIKA**

Alex Bernstein '23, Jackson Cook '25, Gaurnett Flowers '22\*, Michelle Laker '22\*, Amelia Linton '24, Olivia Matters '22.5, Xan McKenna '24, Diego Mongue '25, Maximilian Peters '23, Vanessa Quinland '22\*, Kaylen Smith '22, Kai Soto-Dessen '23\*, Rose Tchuenkam '23, Benny Weng '22

#### **SANKOFA**

Maymouna Bah '25, Magdalena Blaise '22‡, J'nai Blake '22, Lyza Berg '21.5, Veronica Berger '22, Kenia Cruz Guardado '22, Gaurnett Flowers '22, Mariana Garcia '24, Nathan Hu '23, Chen Chen Huang '23, Shayla James '24, Natalie Jean-Michel '23, Rachel Jiang '23, Ryan Joseph '23, Weiwei Lu '23, Obi Nwako '24, Samuel Ojo '22, Jennifer Philistin '24, Alexis Poindexter '23, Sydney Pope '22.5, Vanessa Quinland '22, Pedro Rodriguez '23, AbuBakr Sangare '23, Thandi Steele '22, Bálint Szollosi '23‡, Tiffany Vargas '24

#### THE ZAMBEZI MARIMBA BAND

Evelyn Chou '24, Jackson Cook '25, Xian Fung '22, Noah Jacobson '22, Ethan Jeon '24, Brodie Leo '25, Melvin Lewis '22, Xan McKenna '24\*, Aiden Pham '24, Jonny Rogers '23, Jenny Yu '23.5\*

#### **ZAMBEZI GUEST ARTIST**

Ruthie Laurence '22 (Vocalist), Diego Mongue '25 (Drums)

\*Teaching assistants, \*Not appearing this performance, ‡Drill Sergeant

#### Zambezi

Todzungaira (To Wander)

Music......Mbira ceremonial music of Zimbabwe

Arrangement......Tendai Muparutsa

Performed by The Zambezi Marimba Band

Dindingwe (Cheetah)

Music.....Zimbabwean traditional

Arrangement ...... Tendai Muparutsa

Performed by The Zambezi Marimba Band

Maputo

Music......Marcus Miller Arrangement......Noah Jacobson

Performed by The Zambezi Marimba Band

Kani Mambo

Music......Chris Berry
Arrangement ......Xan MacKenna

Performed by The Zambezi Marimba Band

Shut Up And Dance

Music......Walk the Moon
Arrangement ......Julia Choi '19

Performed by The Zambezi Marimba Band

#### Kusika

Untitled (work in progress)

Part 1

Part 2

You were my moon up in the sky, at night my wishing star

Choreography ......Kusika

Arrangement ...... Tendai Muparutsa

Foundational movement phrase choreographed by Enoch Chou '23

#### Part 3

Why does the frog have such a long tongue?

Foundational solo choreographed by Maximilian Peters '23

Performed by Kusika

We returned to being in the '62 Center joyfully understanding that each of us continues to experience the challenges of contemporary times. Riddles, folk sayings, poetry and images were the anchors we turned to while working on line last year. Being together in the same room reminds us that play is a strategy for being irrepressible.

Sinte

Performed by Kusika

Sinte is a pre initiation dance and music tradition for women from the Nalu people in Guinea, West Africa. The drumming was originally done by women however, since the 1980's it has been popularized for the djembe orchestra and become one of the forms taught by artists from Guinea and performed by other genders. Sinte is an example of the way a tradition can adapted and shared beyond its origin. Kusika learned our version

during a past residency with the artists credited above and it continues as part of our repertoire from the African continent.

#### CoDa

So Far, So Close

(excerpt)

Choreography ...... Erica Dankmeyer, with CoDa Music..... Johann Johannson, *Kangaru*; Judd Greenstein, Now Ensemble, *Change* 

Performed by CoDa

~~Pause~~

Never Let Me Go

(excerpt)

Choreography ...... Janine Parker, inspired by the dancers Music..... Scott Joplin, *Bethena* 

Performed by CoDa with John Sauer

#### Sankofa

Where's My

Choreography ......Rob Griggs '01, Dahra Jackson '00, Maxine Lyle '00, Samantha Reed '00

Performed by Sankofa

Wyatt

Choreography ...... Alexei Grieg and the class of '03

Performed by Sankofa

Slight Work

Choreography ...... Kenny Jean '14, Tirhakah Love '15

Performed by Sankofa

# **Featured Upcoming Event:**



#### **Production Crew**

Stage Manager	Abigail Murray-Stark '22
Light Board Operator	Hector Mendoza '24
Sound Board Operator	Tina Zheng '24
Stage Crew	Gabriel Fernández,
	Katie Polebaum-Freeman
Costume Prep	Elizette Santana-Caraballo '25,
	Bemnet Getachew Mengistu '24
Costume Laundry Crew	Mariana Garcia '24
Dyer/Stitcher	Denise Dygert

## **Department of Dance Faculty and Staff**

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Artist-in-Residence	.Tendai Muparutsa
Artist-in-Residence	Janine Parker
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Department Accompanist	John Sauer
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Production Manager	.Kyle Yager

#### **'62 Center Staff**

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Operations Manager	Nathaniel T. Wiessner
Production Manager, Dance Department	Kyle Yager

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