

DANCE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

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STEP BACK IN IT: SANKOFA'S
25TH ANNIVERSARY
AND SELECTED STUDENT
CHOREOGRAPHERS

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FRI & SAT | APR 22 & 23 | 7PM | MAINSTAGE

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Williams Dance Department

Presents

Step Back In It

Sankofa's 25th Anniversary and Selected Student Choreographers

Sankofa

Drill Sergeants

Magdalena Blaise '22, Bálint Szollosi '23

Presidents

Veronica R. Berger '22, Sydney Pope '23

Steppers

Laura Allemann Chamon '25, Maymouna Bah '25,
Magdalena Blaise '22, J'nai Blake '22*, Veronica Berger '22,
Alex Bernstein '23, Brianna Binder, '23, Keshini Cardozo '24,
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*, Tyler Smith '24,
Bálint Szollosi '23, Tiffany Vargas '24

*Not Appearing in this performance

Student Choreographers

Alex Bernstein '23, Isabel Carmona '24, Caroline Morrissey '25,
Ethan Richmond '24, Lucy Walker '23, and Ashley Xu '22

Lighting Designer

Kate Ashton

Costume Coordinator

Charles Barnett IV

Squad Captains

Rachel Jiang '23, Ryan Joseph '23, Samuel Ojo '22

Guest Dancers

Alex Bernstein '23, Sadie Fernandez '25, Lauren Fossel '22*,
Sasha Horvath '25, Beam Maskati '25 Linnea Stenborg '25,
Caprice Turchiano '25, Lucy Walker '23, Mayor Watts '25,
Ashley Xu '22*, Katherine Yang '24

*Not Appearing in this performance

Sankofa Lighting Designer

Bálint Szollosi '23

Sankofa Costume Coordinator

Shayla James '24, Samuel Ojo '22

Sankofa Treasurer

Gaurnett Flowers '22

Sankofa Social Media/Historian

Maymouna Bah '25, Obi Nwako '24

Sankofa Human Resources

Ryan Joseph '23

Production Manager

Kyle Yager

This performance was supported in part by the Lecture Committee. Our productions are also sponsored by the Departments of Dance and Music, and The Fund for Afro-American Studies of Williams College with the Generous Support of the Lipp Family Fund for Performing Artists.

This performance is 90 minutes with one 10 minute intermission.

PROGRAM

Sankofa

Reunion

Reunion has a special place in each Kofa member's heart. Created in 2001, it is a twelve-minute compilation of steps from Sankofa's first five years. Every year it is taught to each member of Sankofa during Winter Study; it is a tradition like passing down oral stories or family treasures. To honor the past and to celebrate Sankofa's journey over the last twenty five years, Sankofa will perform a reworked version of Reunion. Original sections have been combined with remixed ones, though all the names and calls of the steps have remained the same.

Let's Take It Back

Original

Performed by

Sankofa

Arf Arf

Original

Performed by

Sankofa

We Came Here to Step

Remix by Nneka Dennie '13

Performed by

Sankofa

Give It To Me/ Hot Like Fire

Original

Performed by

Sankofa

Wyatt

Original

Performed by

Sankofa

Sisters of Sankofa

Original

Performed by

Sankofa

Dragon
Original

Performed by
Sankofa

Left-Right
Remix Laone Thekiso '12

Performed by
Sankofa

Dig
Original

Performed by
Sankofa

Alumni Guests

Friday:
Emily Bloomenthal '05, Tess McHugh '11, Charlene Thomas '11

Saturday:
Tess McHugh '11, Charlene Thomas '11

Selected Student Choreographers

Go For a Walk
Choreography Lucy Walker
Music..... *Psychotic Reaction, Peace of Mind*
by Count Five

Performed by
Sadie Fernandez, Linnea Stenborg, Caprice Turchiano, Lucy Walker,
Mayor Watts, Beam Maskati

Love and Happiness
Choreography Alex Bernstein
Music..... Al Green

Performed by
Alex Bernstein '23, Lauren Fossil '22*, Sasha Horvath '25, Katherine Yang '24

Two Slow Dancers
Choreography Isabel Carmona, Ethan Richmond
Music..... *Two Slow Dancers* by Mitski

Performed by
Isabel Carmona, Ethan Richmond

Sankofa

Attention: Boots Up!

Choreography Magdalena Blaise, Maymouna Bah,
Gaurnett Flowers

Performed by
Sankofa

--Intermission--

Sankofa

Gameface

Choreography Mindy Lee '12

Performed by
Sankofa

Cash Money

Choreography Ben Young '18, Willis Kuelthau '16,
Felix Owusu '11

Performed by
Sankofa

Selected Student Choreographers

Wolves

Choreography Caroline Morrissey
Music..... *The Wolves (Act I and II)* by Bon Iver

Performed by
Caroline Morrissey

Sankofa

Squad Practice: A Love Story

Choreography Samuel Ojo, Chen Chen Huang,
Jennifer Philistin, Ryan Joseph,
Sydney Pope, Shayla James,
Veronica Berger

Performed by
Sankofa

Keep The Beat Alive

Choreography Balint Szollosi, Rachel Jiang,
Vanessa Quinland, Tiffany Vargas,
Kenia Cruz, Obi Nwako

Performed by

Sankofa

Sankofa

Senior Step

Choreography Samuel Ojo, Sydney Pope,
Vanessa Quinland, Kenia Cruz,
Magdalena Blaise, Gaurnett Flowers

Performed by
Sankofa

Soul Steps x Sankofa Collab

Choreography Maxine Lyle '00, Marcus Yates, Mark Ross

Performed by
Sankofa

Featuring
Jason Lucas '02 on percussion

Maxine Lyle '00 (Sankofa co-founder), is the Artistic Director of Soul Steps LLC, an internationally known professional step company founded in 2005 and based in New York City. A passionate step dancer, choreographer, writer, and producer Maxine has dedicated her career to education, performance, and activism through step. She is expanding the boundaries of the step genre through the development of an original musical, titled STEP SHOW: THE MUSICAL, which addresses the relationship between step, race, and activism in the world of academia. STEP SHOW is currently a work in process with the goal to enter the Broadway pipeline and other commercial venues. In March, Sankofa participated in a three-day intensive with Maxine and members of her company, along with percussionist Jason Lucas '02, to workshop new choreography from the musical. Sankofa will present excerpts from that intensive here tonight. The work you will see is a collection of rhythmic phrases, moods, energy, and movement that came out of the process and are the building blocks for what will eventually mature into a full piece.

Featured Upcoming Event:

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SOMETIMES THE RAIN, SOMETIMES THE SEA



THU-SAT | MAY 5-7 | 7:30PM

SUN | MAY 8 | 5PM

ADAMS MEMORIAL THEATRE

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Sometimes the Rain, Sometimes the Sea by Julia Izumi and directed by Kym Moore, is, in part, a play about the magic of storytelling. Why do we need stories? And what do we gain from telling them and listening to them?

Actors in this piece must bring their wildest imaginations to the process and be ready to "play." It is not a "realistic" play but one that expresses certain "truths" about the human condition that are of vital importance to the creators. Themes of unrequited love and actual love will be explored, however, please consider these ideas of "love" as more than romantic. What does it mean to love anything or anyone truly? Actors in this piece must be eager to tell stories and to create an experience for an audience. And definitely be ready, willing, and able to have some fun!

There will be a post-performance discussion after the Friday, May 6th performance.

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Production Crew

Stage Manager	Aliya Klein
Light Board Operator	Hector Mendoza
Sound Board Operator	Tina Zheng
Stage Crew	Daniela Sanchez, Jiwoo Han
Costume Prep Crew	Ellie Beam, Emma Draper, Elizette Santana-Caraballo
Costume Laundry Crew	Jeeyon Kang, Talia Sanders
Dressers	Jiwoo Han, Dani Sanchez
Stitchers	Denise Dygert, Elizabeth Rodio
Overhire Crew Followspot Operator	Brian Sullivan
Overhire Crew Run Crew	Jesse Burnham

Department of Dance Faculty and Staff

Lipp Family Chair of Dance and Senior Lecturer in Dance	Sandra L. Burton
Gaius Charles Bolin Fellow in Dance	Saroya Corbett
Artist-in-Residence	Erica Dankmeyer
Artist-in-Residence	Tendai Muparutsa
Artist-in-Residence	Janine Parker
Department Accompanist	Gary Rzab
Department Accompanist	John Sauer
Assistant Professor of Dance	Munjulika Tarah
Administrative Assistant	Rebecca Wolfe
Production Manager	Kyle Yager

'62 Center Staff

Sound & Media Supervisor	Jim Abdou
Costume Shop Supervisor	Barbara A. Bell
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Production Manager, Theatre Department	Ann Marie Dorr
Visiting Artist Producer, Outreach Manager	Randal Fippinger
Production Technician	Daniel O'Connell
Assistant Costume Shop Supervisor	Samantha E. Patterson
Technical Director for Theatre	Maia Robbins-Zust
House Manager	Emma Whittum
Operations Manager	Nathaniel T. Wiessner
Production Manager, Dance Department	Kyle Yager

Costume Shop: Liv Behrens, Delilah Delgado, Rebekah Lindsay, Nicolle MacWilliams,
Ina Ocelli, Annie Sillin, Kayla Swift

Scene Shop Crew: Alexis Ahn, Francie Brewster, Ruth Bristol, Scott Fineberg,
Jessica Jiang, Sari Klainberg, Raymond Liu, Locke Meyer, Annie Miklas, Emily Neuner, Stella Oh,
Aiden Pham, Caprice Turchiano, Sylvana Widman, Eriks Zamurs, Emily Zas, Raven Zhan

Event Assistants: Kei Bayramshian, Yasmina Cabrera, Alameda Chapman, Sophia Clement,
Lucy Cumming, Tarragh Horner, Emily Kuwaye, Lee Mabhena, Abbey Murray-Stark, Nicky Wu

Student House Managers: Yasmina Cabrera, Sophia Clement

Student Marketing and Outreach support: Vanessa Quinland