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CONTACT:**Arena Stage**Anastasia St. Hilaire, asthilaire@arenastage.org**Print Shop PR**Nicole Capatasto, nicole@printshoppr.comFor additional press materials, [visit the online press kit](#).**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!****ARENA STAGE PRESENTS EXTENDED RUN OF DC'S FAVORITE HOLIDAY BASH****STEP AFRIKA!'S
MAGICAL MUSICAL HOLIDAY STEP SHOW**

(Washington, DC) Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater announced today the highly-anticipated return of **Step Afrika!'s Magical Musical Holiday Step Show** to its **Fichandler Stage**. With three consecutive sold-out runs at Arena under its belt, the internationally acclaimed Dance Company returns home to DC to light up the famed in-the-round theater for a fourth-year extended run. The “step-tastic” festivities take place **December 5 – 21, 2025**. Press Night will be held on Friday, December 5. For information and tickets, visit arenastage.org/step.

Fusing holiday magic and merriment with the rich African American art form of stepping, *Step Afrika!'s Magical Musical Holiday Step Show* is an unforgettable all-ages experience. Bask in the spirit of the season with DJ Nutcracker, his Arctic crew, and Step Afrika!'s award-winning performers as they lead an electrifying 90-minute journey packed with high-energy stepping, festive music, and infectious holiday cheer. With nonstop laughter, joy, and surprises, audiences won't want to miss this family-favorite “step-stravaganza,” now celebrating its 15th Anniversary.

A special treat for this year's attendees, Step Afrika! is thrilled to debut a new dance piece: “Candy Cane Lane.” Take a stroll down Candy Cane Lane, where towering candy canes tap, twirl, and bring the season to life with rhythm and cheer. Alongside returning favorites—including a percussive March of the Nutcrackers, DJ Nutcracker's famous Nutcracker Slide, and an epic step battle between The Elves and The Fairies—this year's production promises a celebratory mix of tradition, rhythm, and fun.

PRODUCTION INFORMATION***Step Afrika!'s Magical Musical Holiday Step Show*****On the Fichandler Stage****December 5 – 21, 2025**

ABOUT: Get ready to celebrate—*Step Afrika!'s Magical Musical Holiday Step Show* is back for its fourth spectacular year at Arena Stage! Bring the entire family to join DJ Nutcracker and his Arctic friends for an electrifying journey packed with high-energy stepping, festive music, and non-stop holiday cheer with the award-winning Step Afrika! performers. This fan-favorite tradition promises laughter, joy, and unforgettable moments. Last year's production sold out, so snag your tickets early.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

TICKETS: Ticket prices start at \$49. Ticket prices and availability are subject to change.

Tickets are available at arenastage.org. Tickets may also be purchased through the Sales Office by phone at 202-488-3300, Tuesday–Sunday, 12-8PM; or in person at 1101 Sixth Street, SW, DC, Tuesday–Sunday, 2 hours before the show begins on performance days.

Groups of 10+ may purchase tickets at arenastage.org/groups or by phone at 202-488-4380.

Arena Stage's many savings programs include "pay your age" tickets for those aged 35 and under; military, first responder, and educator discounts; student discounts; and "Southwest Nights" for those living and working in the District's Southwest neighborhood. To learn more, visit arenastage.org/savings-programs.

Unique for *Step Afrika!'s Magical Musical Holiday Step Show*, Arena Stage is delighted to offer a limited quantity of Family Four Packs consisting of four tickets for only \$179, while supplies last. Family Four Packs can be purchased only by phone at 202-488-3300, Tuesday–Sunday, 12–8PM.

PERFORMANCE TIMES:

Friday, December 5 at 7PM
Saturday, December 6 at 2PM & 7PM
Sunday, December 7 at 2PM & 7PM
Thursday, December 11 at 12PM & 7PM
Friday, December 12 at 7PM
Saturday, December 13 at 2PM & 7PM
Sunday, December 14 at 12:30PM & 6PM
Wednesday, December 17 at 7PM
Thursday, December 18 at 12PM & 7PM
Friday, December 19 at 7PM
Saturday, December 20 at 2PM & 7PM
Sunday, December 21 at 2PM

HBCU Night: Thursday, December 11 at 7PM

Rep your colors! Calling all of our HBCU students, staff, and alumni to come out to the show.

FREE Photos with Santa: Saturday, December 13

Join us 3:30–7PM to take a photo with Santa. More information to come.

TRAVEL: Limited parking is available in Arena Stage's on-site garage for \$22 to \$40; call 202-488-3300 to purchase in advance. Drive-up valet parking is also available with cash for \$40. For more information on transportation and other parking options around the Mead Center, visit arenastage.org/parking.

DINING: Enjoy sumptuous Beijing-style cuisine at Philippe Chow, the official Restaurant Partner of Arena Stage, located directly across Maine Avenue from the theater. Whether it's a casual dinner or a special occasion, enjoy the Arena Stage dining experience that will get you to the show on time! Ask for one of the Arena Stage menus starting at \$59 per person. Learn more about Philippe Chow at philippechow.com.

For complete Arena Stage 2025/26 Season details, visit arenastage.org/75.

Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater. *The first racially integrated theater in our nation's capital and a pioneer of the regional theater movement, Arena Stage was founded in 1950 in Washington, D.C. Today, under the leadership of Artistic Director Hana S. Sharif and Executive Producer Edgar Dobie, Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater is a national center dedicated to American voices and artists. We produce plays of all that is passionate, profound, deep, and dangerous in the American*

spirit, and present diverse and groundbreaking work from some of the best artists around the country. Consistently contributing to the American theatrical lexicon by commissioning and developing new plays, Arena Stage impacts the lives of over 10,000 students annually through its work in community engagement and serves a diverse annual audience of more than 300,000. arenastage.org

Step Afrika! Founded in 1994 by C. Brian Williams, Step Afrika! is the world's leading authority on the art form of stepping—a polyrhythmic, percussive dance form that uses the body as an instrument. Step Afrika! promotes stepping as a contemporary dance genre through critically acclaimed performances and arts education programs. Creatively engaging audiences in this artform, the Company creates new full-length productions that expand on stepping's unique American history. With 17 full-time dancers and an administrative team of 7, Step Afrika! is one of the top 5 African American dance companies. The Company reaches thousands each year through a 50-city tour of American colleges and theaters and performs globally as an official U.S. Cultural Ambassador. New work, such as 'The Migration: Reflections on Jacob Lawrence' and 'Drumfolk,' tour to major U.S. cities. Step Afrika! is featured at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History & Culture with the world's first interactive stepping exhibit. stepafrika.org

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