



GDT uses the Arts to engage, communicate, educate, and collaborate with diverse cross-cultural communities to enrich lives.

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GDT announces Tap Into Knowledge

When: Date: June 22, 2021

Where: Iowa Historical Building 600 E Locust St, Des Moines, IA 50319
6:30 PM Meet & Greet Reception with light snacks
7:00 -8:00 PM Performance Tap into Knowledge
Free Admission

Learn to Tap While You Learn About Tap!

Gateway Dance Theatre (GDT) is proud to announce our presentation of “Tap Into Knowledge”. This is a foot dazzling presentation by Jimmy Payne, Jr. a renowned tap dancer and one of the faculty members of Columbia College in Chicago, IL.

Jimmy says “The world is built around rhythm. There is rhythm in the way we walk and the way we talk.” He will dazzle all with his rhythmic toe-tapping and leave you no choice but to join in with finger snapping and hand clapping. The mastery of the rhythm will show through as you observe how Jimmy’s Cuban and Barbadian roots come through as he makes the floor pop!!!

Jimmy will take you through the history of tap dancing and the influence it has had on the African American community. He is a “chip off the old block” as he has sat under the tutelage of his father, the master tap dancer Jimmy Payne. Lena Horne, June Allyson, Gregory Hines, Bob Fosse and, Jane Goldberg all either worked with him or studied under Jimmy Payne Sr.

Gateway Dance Theatre believes that the Arts are a universal language and can be used to bring out the inner artist, strengthen self-esteem, and inspire personal reflection. We believe that bringing Jimmy to Des Moines to share his craft, will be just another way to communicate in that universal language.

Another fascinating presentation will be GDT’s premiere of its moving video “Freedom Movements” a showcase of poetry and dance to celebrate and acknowledge both the struggle and progressive steps of our communities.

Please join us in the lobby of the Historical Building for a pre-show reception from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm

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