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Produced by City in Motion Dance Theater in conjunction with Volker, Roanoke, Coleman Highlands, West Plaza and Valentine Neighborhood Associations

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Dance in the Park showcases the exciting performances of a host of the Kansas City region's unique dance companies. This event invites neighbors and Kansas Citians to gather to build a sense of community in the tranquil setting of Roanoke Park. We are proud to continue our partnership of dance and community year after year.

YOUTH PRESHOW

AlleyCamp The Group Chief Artistic Officer Tyrone Aiken

ACT I

Pythons Drill Team

Choreography Wanda Winters
Performers Members of Pythons Drill Team

Mavka Ukrainian Dance Group

Kozachok
Hrechanyky
Duet

Choreography 1. Courtney Keirl-Bourman, 2. Traditional Ukrainian Folk,
3. Kristina Levich
Music Traditional Ukrainian Folk Music
Dancers Cora Delancy, Daphne Johnson, Emily Johnson, Irina
Henson, Julie Anisimova, Kristina Levich, Marichka
Zelenchuk, Paul Levich, Polina Lyashenko, Tanya
Anisimova, Vera Derakhshani, Zhanna Anisimova

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Störling Conservatory of Dance

When Man Meets God

Choreography Heidi Loubser
Music Nathan Wagner
Dancers Heidi Loubser*, Katarina Larson*, Kira Farley, Leah
Kwasiborski, and Liz Meyers. * Alumni

*This piece was conceived in doubt and is dedicated to fellow doubters.
Thank you for your hunger. He is more than worth it.*

The Kansas City Canaries

Fly Me to the Moon

Choreography Amanda Bernice
Music Frank Sinatra
Dancers Ariel Lacey & Emily Barnes

Kansas City Irish Dance Company

Morning Nightcap

Choreography Kansas City Irish Dance Company
Music Lúnasa
Dancers Allie Mehl, Annie Stark, Caitie Mordan, Isabella Vides,
Josie Cotton, Kathleen Kegley, Leslie McDonough

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ACT II

City In Motion Dance Theater

Hurt, Healing, Hope

Choreography Bobbi Foudree
Music Ludovico Einaudi
Dancers Cayla Casey, Alyssa Gaede, Hunter Jones, Hannah Manning, Ann Shaughnessy

This piece was choreographed for all the wonderful people at the Children's Place and inspired by all of the children they give healing and hope.

Kansas City Dance Collective

Tension

Choreography Jessica Parra & Susan Williams
Music Madonna, as arranged by Kris Bowers; Tsar B
Dancers Mallory Gittemeier, Kirstie Moot, Jessica Parra, Paco Vitug, Susan Williams, Samantha Jo Williamson

Golden Onyx Performance Troupe

Mission Completed

Choreography Selah Thompson
Music Keith Sweat, T.N.T. Twinz, Cardi B ft. YG, Aaliyah, Ying Yang Twins
Dancers Selah Thompson, Taleah White, Meyah Franklin, Maurkela Thompson, Meah Ransom, Brenajaah

Owen/Cox Dance Group

What Came With Spring

Choreography Christian Warner
Music The Black Creatures
Dancers Taylor Collier, Emara Neymore Jackson, Shaina McGregor, Sam McReynolds, Christopher Page-Sanders

"What Came with Spring" is an evening-length work choreographed by Christian Warner to music by The Black Creatures. The complete work will premiere October 7-9, 2022 at the City Stage Theatre

Grupo Folklórico Izcalli

Las Alazanas
Pelea de Gallos
Son de la Negra

Choreography Annel Álvarez

Music 1. Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, 2. Darvelio Arredondo,
3. Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan

Dancers Annel Álvarez (Kansas City, KS), Stacey Valdez (Azusa, California), Mayved America Valdez (Overland Park, KS), Frida Fregozo Torres (Guanajuato, Mexico), Fernanda Fregozo Torres (Guanajuato, Mexico), Alejandra Tagle-Olivares (Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico), Abigail Aguillón (Chihuahua, Mexico)

Pelea de Gallos: This piece is unique not only because it represents the iconic rooster fighting in Mexico but this song shows appreciation to the famous Festival of San Marcos Aguascalientes.

Son de la Negra: This piece is one of the most representative songs of this region, Jalisco.

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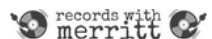
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City in Motion Dance Theater, Inc. has been a part of the cultural fabric of Kansas City for 37 years! Incorporated as a not-for-profit institution in 1985, its mission is to foster the development of high-quality contemporary dance programming and expand the dance audience in the Kansas City metropolitan region. City in Motion builds bridges in the community with its professional modern dance company, school of dance, outreach program, and performance series that includes “Dance in the Park” and “Modern Night”. The critically acclaimed company is made up of eight professional dancers who demonstrate remarkable chemistry on stage. Under the artistic co-direction of Tracie Jensen, Ann Shaughnessy and Bobbi Foudree, an environment is created that supports the evolution of original and unique dance pieces that appeal to an expanding audience base.

Golden Onyx Performance Troupe

In early 2017 Golden Onyx (G.O.) started out as a non-profit competition dance team at the Mary L. Kelly Center. The very first group of girls that G.O. took in were all children from the surrounding community who attended the summer camp being held at the center. Here the girls received training and classes in Hip-hop, Majorette, Jazz, Gymnastics/Tumbling, Afro-Caribbean and more. Throughout time G.O. has changed it's face, but it's mission to enrich the life of inner city youth has remained the same. The ties and bonds we've developed with the girls throughout the years have proven to be bonds for life. It has been an honor to watch these children grow into the lovely young adults they've become today.

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Grupo Folklorico Izcalli

We are an all-women traditional Mexican folk dance group. Our goal is to project our culture through the art of our foot-work, skirt-work, and music. As we like to say: "We're not just dancers, we're storytellers".

The Kansas City Canaries

KC Canaries is a modern chorus girl troupe that is dedicated not only to preserving the traditions of chorus troupes, but acknowledging the lineage that generations of chorus dance members in years past have created for us. It is imperative to us as a team that we recognize and honor those that came before us, both the trailblazers and those who had to hide who they were from the public eye.

Kansas City Dance Collective

KCDC's goal is to produce professional dance productions that provide our local community an opportunity to see quality visual art that is engaging, entertaining and inclusive.

Kansas City Irish Dance Company

We are Kansas City Irish Dance Company, bringing innovative choreography and Kansas City pride to events across the city. Combining classical Irish Dancing with contemporary fusion, it is truly our joy to keep Irish American Heritage alive through the artistry of dance.

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Mavka Ukrainian Dance Group

Mavka Ukrainian Dance Group, formally known as Dance Group of UCKC (Ukrainian Club of KC), has recently celebrated its first anniversary! Mavka meets once a week for class and trains in styles of Traditional Folk and Ukrainian Character dance. They have been invited to perform for twelve events and fundraisers this past year. Mavka's mission is to bring awareness to Ukraine's beautiful culture and make it accessible to the community!

Owen/Cox Dance Group

Owen/Cox Dance Group is a contemporary dance company located in Kansas City, Missouri. The company is committed to creating new music and dance collaborations, presenting high-quality contemporary dance performances with live music, and engaging as wide an audience as possible through affordable live performances and education and outreach programs.

Pythons Drill Team

With more than thirty years of performance experience, Pythons Drill Team is one of the largest and most well-recognized drill teams in the Midwest. We have performed on stages across the country, including performances at Walt Disney World, Las Vegas, and Times Square. The team has also been featured on the Netflix reality show, "Queer Eye", and "Blow the Whistle", a drill team documentary. Please visit our website pythonsdrillteam.com

Störling Conservatory of Dance

Störling Conservatory of Dance trains and equips dancers in a community of professional artists, dancers, choreographers and educators. In partnership with Visible Music College, Störling Conservatory offers a three-year Bachelor of Arts in Dance and a one-year Certificate in Dance, as well as non-degree-seeking and dual-enrollment options for higher education. Dance artists explore, discover and refine the ability to tell stories with proficient skill and thoughtful design, expressing human emotion that transcends culture and language. This is the place where you can Dream, Learn and Succeed. Come discover the artist you were created to be.



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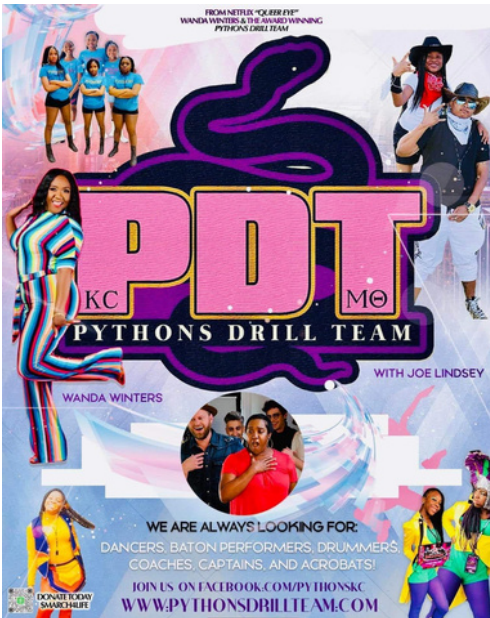
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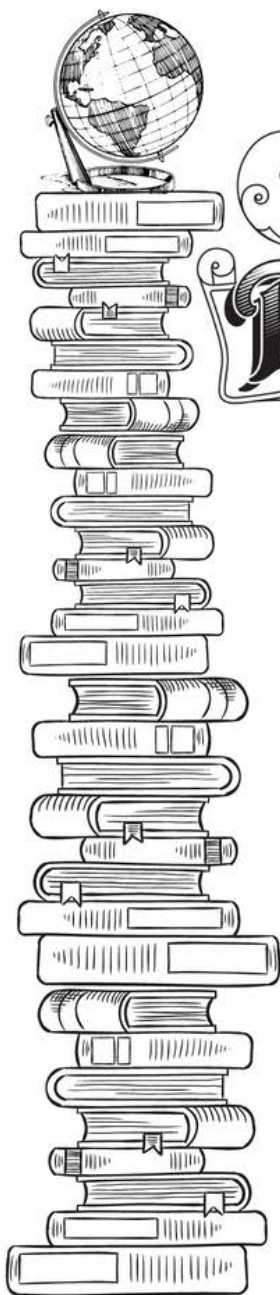
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