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Welcome to TEDI’s 24th Event of the Year, “Here’s the Scoop.” This year, we take an exciting trip down memory lane to celebrate “Legends” who have changed the face of popular music. Their music stands the test of time and these powerful artists will forever be respected as pioneers. To “The King” (Elvis Presley) and “The King of Pop” (Michael Jackson), we have added a mix of Motown greats and a little spice from Celia Cruz. It is really a delicious show!

The dancers you are about to see have been preparing themselves to put on the show of a lifetime. They are so eager to perform that the energy backstage is through the roof! They blew me away right from the beginning of the year and my excitement is insurmountable. I absolutely love what I do! When I see their beaming and exhausted faces after each class, my heart is filled with joy and satisfaction. This year, I have experienced yet another form of excitement. These dancers are SO GOOD that I have "goose bumps" every time I see them dance. I seem to be even more eager than they are to share their achievements with you.

I can't find the words to tell you how much I appreciate the kindness and support of people like you who come to witness this magic. It is because of you and our amazing funders that TEDI is able to bring such joy and pride to the children of Trenton.

It is with great pleasure and admiration that I welcome you to our 2013 presentation of “Here’s the Scoop.”

So, sit back, relax, and “get ready” for an amazing Event!

Thank you for your support!

Dufftin Garcia
TEDI Artistic Director

Founder of National Dance Institute

Jacques d’Amboise is recognized as one of the finest classical dancers of our time, leads the field of arts education with programs that expose tens of thousands of school children each year to the magic and discipline of dance. In 1976, while principal dancer with New York City Ballet, he founded National Dance Institute (NDI) in the belief that the arts have a unique power to engage and motivate all individuals towards excellence. Raised in NYC’s Washington Heights, Jacques joined The School of American Ballet at the age of eight. A protégé of "The Ballet Master," George Balanchine, Jacques had more works choreographed specifically for him than any other dancer, including Stars and Stripes; Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux; and what critics called "the definitive Apollo." Jacques has choreographed numerous works for New York City Ballet, including the popular Tchaikovsky Suite No. 2 and Irish Fantasy, as well as eighteen original productions for NDI’s annual “Event of the Year.” He has written and directed for theater, film and television and been featured in a number of films, including Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Carousel, and Disney’s Offbeat. He Makes Me Feel Like Dancin’, a 1984 PBS documentary about his work with NDI won an Academy Award, six Emmy Awards, the Peabody Award, the Golden Cine Award, and the National Education Association Award for the Advancement of Learning through Broadcasting. Jacques is the recipient of many Honorary Doctorates and Awards, including The National Medal of Arts (1998); The Kennedy Center Honors (1995); a 1990 MacArthur Fellowship and the distinguished Paul Robeson Award for excellence in the field of the Humanities (1988). Jacques’ memoir I WAS A DANCER was recently published by Knopf.
In 1989, the Trenton Board of Education and The Times of Trenton joined to support a National Dance Institute (NDI) Residency Program in Trenton public schools. NDI programs use professional artists and a unique combination of dance, performance and curriculum-related educational materials to teach young people the life skills of self-discipline, concentration, cooperation, confidence and pride in personal achievement. It also kindles a love of the arts in everyone it touches.

The first NDI Trenton Residencies consisted of several weeks of intense NDI “in” and “after” school programs culminating in professional quality performances. Today TEDI offers yearlong, curriculum integrated programs.

Jacques d’Amboise, legendary New York City Ballet dancer, founded National Dance Institute (NDI) in 1976 in the belief that arts have a unique power to engage children and motivate them towards excellence. NDI has become one of the nation’s most prestigious arts-in-education organizations. The goal of the program is not to train professional dancers but to teach young people that they can reach their personal goals through hard work and discover overcoming personal challenges can be FUN!

In 2011, TEDI and Children’s Home Society combined their strengths to keep this resilient youth development program alive. Amid budget constraints, the two respected non-profit organizations partnered to solidify a secure future for TEDI Programs.

TEDI offers a unique curriculum which challenges students’ cognitive and physical capabilities while igniting self-esteem and executive function skills.

Today, TEDI programs include:

- Once-a week, in-school classes for all 5th graders in two elementary schools (currently Hedgepeth/Williams and Mott Elementary Schools);
- A Challenging After-School SWAT Team (Scholarship for the Willing, Achieving & Talented) program for selected TEDI 5th & 6th graders;
- A very challenging Celebration Team Scholarship Program for 6th – 10th grade TEDI veterans;
- A TEDI Alumni Association for graduates.

The TEDI program culminates in four “School Time” performances for student and faculty audiences and an evening performance for family, friends and community leaders.

TEDI inspires students to achieve both as individuals and group members.
TEDI changes lives... one child at a time.
Trenton Education Dance Institute &
The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey
in cooperation with
Trenton Public Schools &
National Dance Institute

proudly present

“Here’s the Scoop”

Starring the 5th Grade Students from
Hedgepeth/Williams and Mott Schools
&
TEDI’s SWAT & CELEBRATION TEAMS
with
Special Guest Artists
Chanda Rule & Charles Vincent Burwell

TEDI Artistic Director
Dufftin Garcia

Artistic Associate
Shakia Johnson

Program Accompanist
Glenn McClelland

Designer/Technical Director
Sue Barr

Sound Engineer
Joseph Stout

Production Supervisor
Cameron Heulitt

CHS Program Assistant
Tiffani Mabry

Costume Coordinator
Amy Hadam

Production Coordinator
Patrick Clayton

Choreography
Dufftin Garcia • Shakia Johnson • Nancy Warner

Performance Musicians
Paul Gehman • Glenn McClellan • Mark Pultorak • Lou Volpe

Arrangements and Orchestration
Jerome Korman • Glenn McClelland

Original Script
Dufftin Garcia • Patrick Chmel

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2012 – 2013 TEDI Program Participants

TEDI Celebration Team
Scholarship 6th – 10th grade students from Trenton Area Schools
Aqeela Abdullah
Alyssa Alvarez
Tatiana Alvarez
Taina Arguedas
Quatiyyah Artis
Yarilitza Ayala
Alexis Bellingter
Ijes’Nae Britt
Messiah Cook
Tyrique Counts
Marianaliz Cuevas
Angel Cummings
Jasmine De Leon
Sky Dominguez
Rukiyi Florence
Jedi Garcia
Clifton Georges
Shadera Harmon
Jamie Harrison
Yazminyin Hernandez
Shomari Hollis
Davontay Jones
Delicia Lewis
Vilcia Mazariegos
Bridney Nieves
Devone Poaches
Edward Reyes
Brandon Richardson
George Rios
Yessica Rodriguez
Seraphine Rolon
Aurelis Rosado
Destiny Stoll
Adryana Vega
Tatiana Vincent

SWAT Team*
(Scholarships for the Willing, Achieving and Talented) Selected 5th & 6th grade students
Alicys Alexander
Anthony Ali
Vadera Beal
Lyla Bragg
Jennifer Collado
Alex Colon
Anely Duran
Emem Eshiet
Paige Francois
Thatcher Harmon
Jamellia Hart
Quadrion Head
Nitzy Rivas
Bryan Rivera
Emily Rodriguez
Adrianna Romero
Ariana Romero
Laura Salguero
Kailyn Sandoval
Savannah Smith
Ricardo Surillo
Astrid Vega
Malik Walker
Brittany Wilson

Mr. Ed Butler’s Class
Joseph Beheyee
Juan Berrios
Jonathan Cardona
Alex Carrillo
Derrick Chandler
Jennifer Collado *
Angel Colon
Byron Deleon
Aldair Desiderio
Anely Duran *
Emem Eshiet *
Angelo Gonzalez
Jalyn Jones
Quamire Langston
Michelle McCloud
Davarious McCray
Maceo Moreland
Cesar Paxtor
Oscar Perez
Emily Puna
Michelle Quinonez
Quadr Ray *
Jaylin Rodriguez
Laura Salguero *
Christian Saquic
Danasha Smith
James Tajboy-Paxtor

Ms. Shannon Phillip’s Class
Yaimie Alvarado
Vadera Beal *
Jayda Byrd
D’izzer Ramos

Ms. Erin Pinelli’s Class
Allen Acevedo
Wildal Alveres
Theresa Bennett
Zaire Butler
Page Collins
Daniela Fallas
Yamilet Gonzalez-Melgar
Nile Handy
Jose Hernandez-Rodas
Ashanti Johnson
Titus Johnson
Lilian Juan
Byron Martinez
Nikhal McMillian
Kiyjahanay Meyers
Klever Najera-Gomez
Franklin Oliva
Emily Rodriguez *
Joey Rodriguez
Kenya Sandoval
Justen Shakir
Shaiday Thomas
JonCarlos Valdez-Piccone
Karisma Williams

Ms. Lakeisha Ricks’ Class
Preston Carter
Dillet Delancy
Anthony Delvalle
Fatu Essandoh
Jahzher Eutsey
Neurka Fallas
Rickelmey Francois
Hafiz Ghoson
Sarah Groff
Fatima Gutierrez
Chazz Jones
Kareem Lawson
Aaliyah Lopez
El’Tirique Miller
Athing Mu
Franzley Petit
Jamylet Ramirez
Kailyn Sandoval *
Princilia Santana
Abdul Siddique
Anthony Torres
Eric Trammell

Ms. Mandy Walker’s Class
Alicys Alexander *
Maria Alvarez
KaYonna Ashe
Jordan Bloxom
Sha’Ron Brantley
Darrin Clark
Alex Colon *
Guadalupe Cuauhtle
Michelle Diaz
Natalia Fernandez
Jaylin Fishburne
Trinity Garcia *
Eddie Gonzalez
Ricardo Lopez
Juan Martinez
Jennifer Martinez
Richard McLaughlin
Lennin Ortiz
Nyee Ross
Savannah Smith *
Alex Torres
Malik Walker *
Howard Wilson

Ms. Karen McNear’s Class
Jasmaine Austin
Traviohn Barnes
Cira Burak
Leslie Centeno
Luis Chavez
Chancelor Davis
Hennessey Garcia
Justin Guerra
Wellington Henderson
Talaysia Hill
Shyann Kidd
Donnell Kidd
TJ Lacour
Naziaya Leonard
Kevin Lima
Jacob McGill *
Bryan Rivera *
Gabriel Rivera
Ricardo Surillo *
Gabriela Tobar
Christina Torres
Wilmary Torres
Christian Vargas
Tasia Walters
Jamir Watkins

Ms. Deirdre Kiley’s Class
Anthony Ali *
Charly Carvente-Hernandez
Kevin Cortes-Muentes
Keona Covington
Jamier Davis
Francisco DeJesus
Tatiana Diaz
Lavonnia Ellis
Daniel Gudiel
David Gudiel
Jahid Khan
Abbygail Lopez
Erick Lopez-Gonzalez
Niegel Maldonado
Juan Marin
Kaia McCormick *
Zachary Medina
Karen Najarro
Xavier Reyes
Adiannet Romero *
Ariana Romero *
Serenity Sykes
Nayeishka Tapia
Aquashia Thomas
Astrid Vega *

Ms. Yvonne Mitchell’s Class
David Jefferson
Adam Juarez
Felix Malva
Julis Perez
Joseph Santiagos
Katie Ventura

Mott School
5th Grade Students
Mr. Scot Exner’s Class
Jazlene Anavisca
Lyla Bragg *
Sandy bran
Tilla Dewberry
Shiheem Dockery
Hector Figueroa
Brianna Gonzalez
Katherine Gonzalez
Matthew Gonzalez
Alberto Guillamo *
Jui’Den Heads
Davity Martinez
Jerry Mercado
Cardier Nicholson

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2012 – 2013 TEDI Program

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OVERTURE

“LUNCH AT LEGENDS”
Dancers ................................................................. Entire Cast

“RAY”
Dancers ............................................................. Ms. Ricks’ 5th Grade Class from Hedgepeth/Williams School

“THE KING”
Dancers ............................................................. Ms. McNear & Ms. Mitchel’s 5th Grade Classes from Mott School

“AZUCAR!”
Dancers .............................................................. Selected TEDI Celebration Team

“THE INVASION”
Dancers ............................................................. Mr. Butler’s 5th Grade Class from Hedgepeth/Williams School

“A RIFF AND A CHORD”
Dancers ............................................................. Ms. Pinelli’s 5th Grade Class from Hedgepeth/Williams School

“THE BREAKUP”
Dancers ............................................................. Ms. Walker & Ms. Phillips’ 5th Grade Classes from Hedgepeth/Williams School

“ANOTHER STAR”
Dancers ............................................................. TEDI’S CELEBRATION TEAM

“MOTOWN”
Dancers ............................................................. Ms. Kiley’s 5th Grade Class from Mott School

“A TRAIN”
Dancers ............................................................. Mr. Exner’s 5th Grade Class from Mott School

“TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON”
Dancers ............................................................. Selected TEDI CELEBRATION TEAM

“TRIBUTE TO JAMES BROWN”
Dancers ............................................................. TEDI SWAT TEAM

“FINALE”
Dancers ............................................................. Entire Cast

BOWS
Participating Schools

We would like to recognize the special dedication and support offered by the administration, faculty and staff of this year’s participating schools. We appreciate you welcoming us and sharing your expertise, time and friendship. Thank you for helping provide a positive and life long experience for your students.

Hedgepeth/Williams’ School Staff

Principal……………………………Mr. Joseph Marazzo
Vice Principals……………………Ms. Talaya Y. Wilson
5th Grade Teachers…………………Mr. Ed Butler
                                    Ms. Shannon Phillips
                                    Ms. Erin Pinelli
                                    Ms. Lakeisha Ricks
                                    Ms Mandy Walker
Secretaries…………………………….Ms. McBride
                                    Ms. Perez
Head Custodian……………………….Mr. Max Patterson
Parent Liaison……………………….Mr. Griffin

Gershom Mott Elementary School Staff

Principal……………………………Ms. Elizabeth Ramirez
5th Grade Teachers…………………Mr. Scot Exner
                                    Ms. Deidre Kiley
                                    Ms. Karen McNear
                                    Ms. Yvonne Mitchell
Secretaries…………………………….Ms. Love
Head Custodian……………………….Mr. Williams

Schools with Students Participating in TEDI’s Celebration Team Scholarship Program

Grace A. Dunn Middle School
Hedgepeth/Williams School
Dr. Martin Luther King School
Paul Robeson School
Trenton Central High School-Main
Trenton Central High School-West
Incarnation School
South Hunterdon
Trenton Catholic Academy

The auditorium at Hedgepeth/Williams School is wheel chair accessible.
Dufftin A. Garcia, (TEDI Artistic Director), was born and raised in New York City. He received a Magna Cum Laude Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science in 2006 from Lehman College, City University of New York. Dufftin began his professional dance training at the age of eight on a scholarship to the Elliot Feld Ballet. In 1988, he joined National Dance Institute (NDI), performing in every NDI Event of the Year until his graduation in 1992. Now, an NDI Alumnus, he gives back to the program as a Master Teacher, choreographer and Member of NDI’s Board of Directors. He’s performed for The 25th Anniversary of the Kennedy Center and with the late Gregory Hines on NBC’s “Name Your Adventure.” In 1997, Dufftin served as Associate Director to NDI’s Founder, Jacques d’Amboise, for NDI’s first International Residency in Israel and Palestine. He also assisted Mr. d’Amboise in a collaborative project with Emeritus Seymour Papert and Marvin Minsky at the Media Lab of The Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2003. In 2004, he was Associate Director for NDI’s first cultural exchange program in Shanghai, China and has subsequently trained 30+ teachers, from China Welfare Institute Children’s Palace and the Ming’an District of Shanghai in NDI pedagogy and techniques. The Program currently reaches 800+ students. Dufftin began his association with TEDI as its Associate Director in 2001 and is now proudly in his eleventh year as Artistic Director.

Shakia Johnson, (TEDI Artistic Associate), received her AA in dance from Dean College in 2005, and has studied at Temple University and National Dance Institute, where she earned her certification as NDI Teaching Artist in 2009. She has choreographed and directed more than 25 Hip-Hop, Modern, Africana and Lyrical pieces, including “All We Need is Love” for the 2010 TEDI Event of the Year. She has taught dance at the Princeton School of Ballet, Rider University, and the Community Dance Enrichment Program in Springfield, MA. Ms. Johnson, a resident of Trenton, NJ, has worked with TEDI since 2008.

Glenn McClelland, (TEDI Program Accompanist/Musician), started playing professionally in a piano bar at age 16. Early in his career, he performed and toured with bluesman Sonny Rhodes and jazz great Richie Cole. In 1987, he joined forces with David Clayton Thomas and Blood, Sweat and Tears. He left in 1995 to join the alternative rock band Ween, with whom he recorded five albums and did three world tours. He rejoined Blood, Sweat and Tears in 2006 and currently works with both bands. A resident of Lambertville, NJ, Mr. McClelland joined the TEDI Artistic Team in the fall of 2010.

Chanda Rule, (Guest Artist), is excited to work with TEDI once again. She has been weaving stories through song, humming melodies, and bended words since her childhood. Mesmerizing audiences around the world with her “liquid clear” song “bound to fill your spirit to its rim with musical serenity” and her uncanny ability to lead audiences of all backgrounds in harmonious song, Chanda loves to proclaim that music is a healing balm for the human spirit and uses music to honor the downright sacred wholeness of every being.

Charles Vincent Burwell, (Guest Artist), is a long time member of the dedicated “TEDI Family” having contributed to the Program over the years as Program Accompanist, Associate Musical Director, Choreographer/Teacher, Guest Vocalist/Musician and On-Stage Performer. Vince has a strong personal commitment to sharing the diverse worlds of musical arts to explore and enrich the power of an individual’s creativity, quality of life and spirituality. A native of San Francisco, Vince began studying piano at seven and by his teenage years was adept at almost all musical instruments and had begun composing. He always combines his musical interests with scholastic challenges. He was a Congressional Scholar in Leadership, has a Bachelors in Choral Music Education from Florida A&M, and is a graduate of the NYU-Tisch Graduate Musical Theater Writer’s Program. He has been on the musical staff of Alvin Ailey and National Dance Institute and is co-founder of the Prophecy Arts Collective. Among his many global performance/composing credits are Carnegie Hall, the Cairo Opera House (Egypt), Ile Alve (Brazil), Festival del Carib (Cuba) and the NDI program in Shanghai. He is a member of The Dramatists Guild of America and a charter member of the Omicront Gamma Chapter of Phi Mu Alfa Sinfonia Fraternity. His current project is collaborating with James Sasser on an original Broadway bound musical featuring the wonderful and seductive music of CUBA, “Cubamor”.

Sue Barr, (Designer/Technical Director). Who would have thought that the kid who built tree houses and organized neighborhood productions would receive an MFA in Technical Theatre and Lighting Design from Mason Gross School of the Arts and work continuously in Theatre from the day she graduated. Who would have thought that she would get paid for having all this fun! Sue has been a Technical Director, Lighting Designer, Production Manager or all of the above for regional and academic theatres including Paper Mill Playhouse, Raritan Valley Community College, Crossroads Theatre Company and Centenary College. Presently she works for the New Brunswick Cultural Center.

Cameron Heulitt, (Production Supervisor), has worked with TEDI for over a decade. She was bitten by the
Dolores Bryant, LCSW, (CHS Director of Early Childhood, School-Based and Kinship Services) for The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey. Ms. Bryant received her BA from Douglass College, Rutgers University, and her Master’s degree in social work from the Rutgers University School of Social Work. She is a NJ Licensed Clinical Social Worker and NJ Certified School Social Worker. She serves on the School-Based Youth Services Advisory Board for the Trenton Board of Education, is a graduate of the Fellow Leadership Trenton Class of 2007 - John S. Watson Policy Institute, and is a member of the NJ Family Outreach Program Advisory Committee for Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey.

Rosemary Carey, (Production Consultant), has been coordinating NDI performances and programs for over 30 years. Venues have included White House State Dinners, premiere theaters in NYC, Paris, Tel Aviv, Shanghai and 40 (very diverse) sites along the Appalachian Trail. A New Jersey native, who did graduate work at Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson Institute, she has always had a special fondness for TEDI’s program. Having worked closely with Dufftin Garcia since he was a fifth-grade NDI dancer, she is very proud indeed to be assisting him in his role as TEDI Artistic Director.

Karen Lee Hart, (Consultant/Costume Designer), is an Assistant Professor of Theatre at Kean University, specializing in theatrical design and production. She received her MFA in Theatrical Design and a BFA in Drama Education from The University of Texas, Austin.

As a strong supporter of arts in education and the promotion of new plays she is proud of her continued association with vibrant organizations such as The Trenton Education Dance Institute, National Dance Institute and Premiere Stages. She has been a part of the TEDI team since 2003 serving on the TEDI advisory council as well as designing costumes. Her 16 years as a member of the NDI Production Team for the NYC Core Program took her to The Shanghai Grand Theatre, The White House, Kennedy Center Awards, Central Park, Carnegie Hall, City Center and the 50th Anniversary of the UN in Geneva, Switzerland. Her theatrical designs have been seen in theatres from Boston to Austin, including national tours, regional theatres, Off-Broadway productions and HBO. She has received special recognition from the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for her design work on the Kean Theatre Series productions and she received a National Kennedy Center Faculty Design Fellowship for Costume Design. She is currently designing the summer season for Premiere Stages.

National Dance Institute (NDI) In 1976, New York City Ballet principal dancer Jacques d’Amboise founded National Dance Institute in the belief that the arts have a unique power to engage children and to motivate them toward excellence. NDI has grown into one of the nation’s largest arts education organizations. Each year, the programs inspire thousands of children, reaching across social, ethnic, and economic boundaries and including children facing physical and emotional challenges. Using professional artists and a distinctive combination of dance classes, performances and educational materials, NDI fosters a love of the arts, a pride in achievement, and a curiosity about the world in all of the children it serves. Children develop discipline, a standard of excellence, and a belief in themselves that will carry over into all aspects of their lives. NDI is deeply committed to training teachers in the NDI educational pedagogy.
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