



Summer Steps

with **STEP AFRICA!**

CULMINATING PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 | 6 PM AT ARENA STAGE



FOUNDER'S WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for joining the culminating performance of **Summer Steps with Step Afrika!**

Step Afrika! created this unique summer camp dedicated to the art form of stepping more than 15 years ago, and I am thrilled to see the next generation embrace this beloved tradition and carry it to even higher heights. **Summer Steps with Step Afrika!** would not be possible without the support of parents, the outstanding Step Afrika! Board of Directors, and our extraordinarily generous funders and sponsors. A heartfelt thank-you goes to **Arena Stage** for providing this beautiful space for our flagship arts education program.

Special thanks to **Artis Olds**, Step Afrika!'s Director of Arts Education and Community Programs, and **Joe Murchison**, Summer Steps Project Manager, for their outstanding leadership and management of this camp. Along with the **talented artists of Step Afrika!**, they have worked tirelessly to ensure that your children have an incredible time at camp.

This evening's performance also kicks off the second half of **Step Afrika!'s 30th Anniversary Season**. I invite you to explore our history at **timeline.stepafrika.org** and

mark your calendars for **Step Afrika!'s Magical Musical Holiday Step Show** returning December 13, 2024 to Arena Stage.

Thanks again for your energy and joy for tonight's brilliant, young steppers! It is truly an honor to continue to celebrate 30 years of serving Washington, D.C., and the world.

Sincerely,



C. Brian Williams



[TIMELINE](#)

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER STEPS DONORS!

Thank you to the following 30th Anniversary Gala donors
for **providing scholarships to Summer Steps with
Step Afrika! 2024:**

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RUN OF SHOW

WELCOME

UNITY STROLL

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY STEP AFRIKA!

TEAM PERFORMANCES

YELLOW TEAM

"THUNDERBOLTZ"

BLUE TEAM

"ICE BREAKERS"

RED TEAM

"CODE RED"

GREEN TEAM

"DMV EARTH BENDERS"

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY DEM RAIDER BOYZ

SUMMER STEPS UNITY STEP

USE THE CODE "HOLIDAY" FOR
EARLY ACCESS TO

STEP AFRIKA!'S MAGICAL MUSICAL HOLIDAY STEP SHOW

RETURNING TO ARENA STAGE DECEMBER 13 - 22, 2024!



MEET THE TEAMS

TEAM:
THUNDERBOLTZ

STEP AFRIKA!
ARTISTS:
NYA CHRISTIAN
TERRENCE JOHNSON
NA'IMAH RAY
JOSEPH VASQUEZ

TEACHING
ASSISTANT:
BRETT TAYLOR

YELLOW TEAM



BLUE TEAM



TEAM:
ICE BREAKERS

STEP AFRIKA!
ARTISTS:
KENNETH ALEXANDER
JEROD COLEMAN
ERICKA STILL

TEACHING
ASSISTANT:
FERNANDO CRUZ

MEET THE TEAMS

TEAM:
CODE RED

STEP AFRIKA!
ARTISTS:
NEPRI JAMES
VALENCIA SPRINGER
PELHAM WARNER JR.

TEACHING
ASSISTANT:
GRAYSON HOUGH

RED TEAM



GREEN TEAM

TEAM:
DMV EARTH BENDERS

STEP AFRIKA!
ARTISTS:

ARIEL DYKES
CONRAD R. KELLY II
ROBERT WARNSLEY

TEACHING
ASSISTANT:
ESONG AYOMPE



MEET THE TEAMS

STEP AFRIKA!

ARTISTS:

KEOMI GIVENS JR.
KAMALA HARGROVE
ISAIAH O'CONNOR
BRIE TURNER

THE FUN CREW



THE VOTES ARE IN!

WASHINGTON

CITYPAPER BEST SUMMER CAMP

FINALIST FOR 2023 AND 2024

LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR
TEACHING ASSISTANTS FROM

Dem Raider Boys Step Squad

BRETT TAYLOR, YELLOW TEAM
FERNANDO CRUZ, BLUE TEAM
GRAYSON HOUGH, RED TEAM
ESONG AYOMPE, GREEN TEAM



MEET THE STEP AFRIKA! TEAM

C. Brian Williams, Founder & Executive Producer

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Conrad R. Kelly II, Assistant Artistic Director

Artis J. Olds, Director, Arts Education

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Artis J. Olds, Director

Joe Murchison, Project Manager

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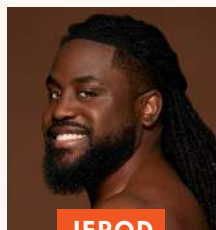
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Melanie Trottman

MEET THE STEP AFRIKA! ARTISTS



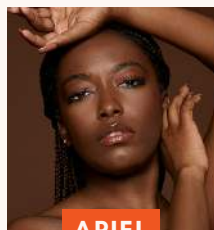
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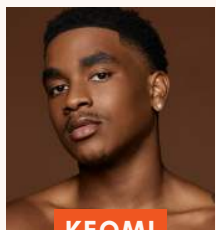
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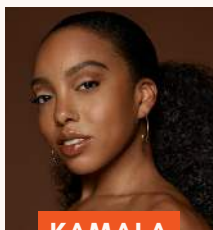
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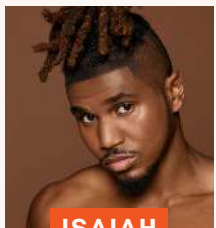
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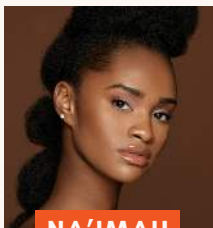
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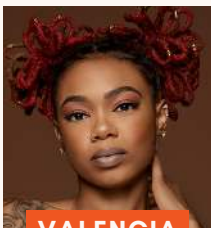
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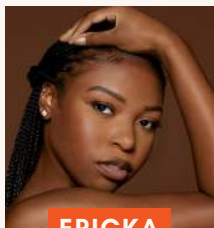
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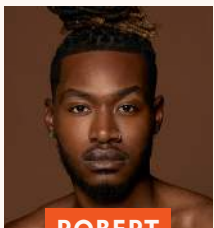
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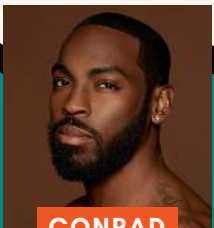
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ROBERT

30 **STEP AFRIKA!**
1994 | CELEBRATING THIRTY YEARS | 2024

Assistant
Artistic Director



CONRAD



PC: Jati Lindsay



**BEHIND THE
SCENES OF CAMP**



CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS



AIYANA



DREW



KAI



BLU

PC: Nepri James





LETTER FROM THE SUMMER STEPS LEADERSHIP

Supporters and Friends,

We are thrilled to share the success of **Summer Steps with Step Afrika!**. This week, our *Yellow, Blue, Red, and Green* teams discovered stepping as both an artform and a tool for growth and unity. Through intensive training and workshops, youth from Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia, demonstrate the transformative power of the arts and the devotion of Step Afrika!'s world-class performers.

We're proud to be finalists for "**Best Summer Camp 2024**" by **Washington City Paper**, recognizing our small but mighty team's dedication and passion.

Your support helps us continue the legacy of the tradition of stepping, paving the way for young people to embody Step Afrika!'s core principles of Teamwork, Commitment, and Discipline!

Sincerely,

Artis J. Olds
Director, Arts Education
& Community Programs

Joe Murchison
Summer Steps Project Manager





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