



Summer Steps
with **STEP AFRICA!**
CULMINATING PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025 | 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 16 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. I also want to give my tremendous thanks to **Arena Stage** for providing this beautiful space for our flagship arts education program. Arena Stage is a fantastic partner, and I look forward to creating more magic together in the years to come!

Special thanks to **Milen Matthews**, Step Afrika!'s Manager 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 Summer Steps.

This evening's performance also kicks off the start of our 2025 - 2026 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 5 - 21, 2025, to Arena Stage. Tickets are on sale NOW, and I hope to see you there!

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

Sincerely,



C. Brian Williams
Founder & Executive Producer



EXPLORE OUR HISTORY

Summer Steps with Step Afrika! 2013 at the National Building Museum

THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER STEPS DONORS!

Thank you to the following Step Afrika! VIP Gala donors for **providing scholarships to Summer Steps with Step Afrika! 2025:**

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RUN OF SHOW

WELCOME

UNITY STROLL

TEAM PERFORMANCES

YELLOW TEAM

"BANANA BOSSES"

BLUE TEAM

"SCREAM TEAM B.L.U."

RED TEAM

"IN-RED-IBLES"

GREEN TEAM

"THAT \$\$ TEAM"

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY DEM RAIDER BOYZ

SENIOR SHOUTOUT

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY STEP AFRIKA!

SUMMER STEPS UNITY STEP

STEP AFRIKA!'S MAGICAL MUSICAL HOLIDAY STEP SHOW

RETURNING TO ARENA STAGE
DECEMBER 5 – 21, 2025

USE YOUR EXCLUSIVE
* CODE "SUMMERSTEPS" *
FOR 20% OFF TICKETS,
AUGUST 9 - 23, 2025!

TICKETS



MEET THE TEAMS

YELLOW TEAM



STEP AFRIKA! ARTISTS:

ARIEL DYKES
JEROD COLEMAN
TRESHAWN WILLIAMS

TEACHING ASSISTANT:

JIN FENG CAO

TEAM NAME:

**Banana
Bosses**

EXPLORE MORE CAMP PHOTOS

MEET THE TEAMS

BLUE TEAM



STEP AFRIKA! ARTISTS:

ROBERT WARNSLEY
NYA CHRISTIAN
KEANU POWELL

TEAM NAME:

**SCREAM
TEAM BLY.**

TEACHING ASSISTANT:

IRE ADENIRAN

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MEET THE TEAMS

RED TEAM



STEP AFRIKA! ARTISTS:
ERICKA STILL
JOSEPH VASQUEZ
PELHAM WARNER JR.

TEACHING ASSISTANT:
MARCO VAUGHN

TEAM NAME:

in-red-ibles

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MEET THE TEAMS

GREEN TEAM



STEP AFRIKA! ARTISTS:

JEMEEMA MONTROSE
CONRAD R. KELLY II
TERRENCE JOHNSON

TEACHING ASSISTANT:

FERNANDO CRUZ

TEAM NAME:

*That \$\$
Team*

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STEP AFRIKA!

ARTISTS:

ISAIAH O'CONNOR
KEOMI GIVENS JR.
LEANDER GRAY

STEP AFRIKA!

VOLUNTEER:

GEORGE BONE

PROJECT COORDINATORS



THE VOTES ARE IN!

WASHINGTON

CITYPAPER BEST SUMMER CAMP

FINALIST THREE YEARS IN A ROW!

LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR
TEACHING ASSISTANTS FROM

Dem Raider Boys Step Squad

JIN FENG CAO, YELLOW TEAM

IRE ADENIRAN, BLUE TEAM

MARCO VAUGHN, RED TEAM

FERNANDO CRUZ, GREEN TEAM



MEET THE STEP AFRIKA! TEAM

C. Brian Williams, Founder & Executive Producer

Lamar Lovelace, Executive Director

Mfoniso Akpan, Artistic Director

Conrad R. Kelly II, Assistant Artistic Director

Pascha Barnwell, Company Manager

Margo Cunningham, Senior Marketing Manager

Milen Matthews, Manager, Arts Education and
Community Programs

Chrystal 'Chrys' Vaughan, Manager, Events and
Special Projects

SUMMER STEPS LEADERSHIP

Mfoniso Akpan, Camp Director

Joe Murchison, Camp Project Manager

Jeeda Barrington, DJ Extraordinaire

George Bone, Program Support

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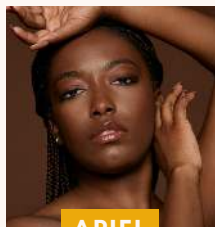
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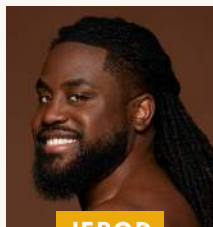
Melanie Trotman

Conrad Woody

MEET THE STEP AFRIKA! ARTISTS BEHIND SUMMER STEPS:



ARIEL



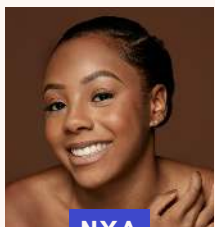
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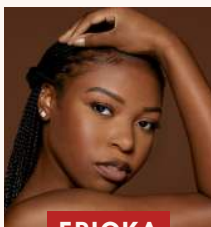
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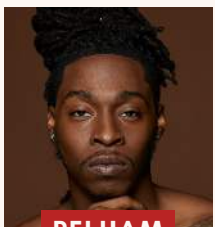
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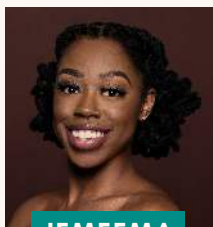
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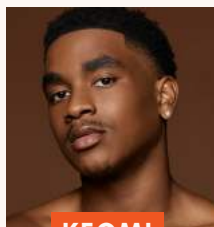
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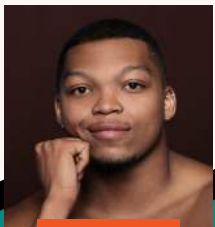
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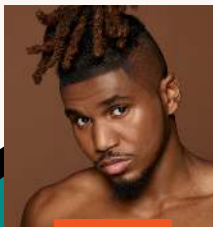
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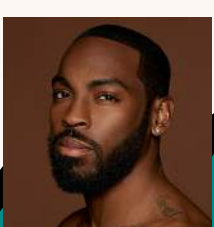
KEOMI



LEANDER



ISAIAH



CONRAD

Assistant Artistic Director

STEP AFRIKA!



PC: Jati Lindsay



**BEHIND THE
SCENES OF CAMP**


CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS



PC: Jati Lindsay, SAi

A woman in a yellow t-shirt and headband is cheering with her hands raised. The t-shirt has a logo that says "Summer Steps and STEP AFRIKA!". The background is dark, and there are other people in yellow shirts visible in the background.

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