

# VIP GALA 2026

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

THE HISTORIC HOWARD THEATRE  
WASHINGTON, DC

## SCHEDULE:

6 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION

7 PM SEATED DINNER & PROGRAM

9 PM DESSERT & DANCING



**STEP AFRIKA! IS A PIONEERING GLOBAL INFLUENCE IN AFRICAN AMERICAN DANCE. IT HOLDS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE WORLD'S LEADING AUTHORITY ON THE ART FORM OF STEPPING AND IS WASHINGTON, DC'S LARGEST AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTS ORGANIZATION.**



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	<b>EXECUTIVE PRODUCER \$25,000</b>	<b>PRODUCER \$10,000</b>	<b>DIRECTOR \$5,000</b>	<b>HEADLINER \$3,000</b>	<b>PERFORMER \$1,000</b>
<b>VIP GALA 2026 TICKETS</b>	20	10	6	4	2
<b>'STEP AFRIKA!'S MAGICAL MUSICAL HOLIDAY STEP SHOW' OPENING NIGHT TICKETS</b>	8	6	4	2	N/A
<b>COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM AD</b>	<b>TWO-PAGE</b>	<b>ONE-PAGE</b>	<b>HALF-PAGE</b>	<b>SPECIAL MENTION</b>	<b>SPECIAL MENTION</b>
<b>FEATURED ON EVENT SIGNAGE AND PROJECTIONS AT THE GALA</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES	N/A
<b>FEATURED RECOGNITION ON ALL VIP GALA PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND PROGRAM</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES	N/A

**BY SPONSORING THIS YEAR'S  
GALA, YOU HELP BRING TO LIFE  
THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR – A  
POWERFUL NEW THEATRICAL  
EXPERIENCE THAT SIGNALS AN  
EXCITING NEW CHAPTER FOR  
STEP AFRIKA! – WHILE  
STRENGTHENING THE COMPANY'S  
YEAR-ROUND ARTS EDUCATION  
WORK ACROSS THE DMV.**



# EXPLORE OUR EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

**STEPPING INTO SCHOOLS**



**STUDENT MATINEE**



**YOUR SUPPORT EXPANDS ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAMS ACROSS WASHINGTON, DC, MARYLAND, AND VIRGINIA, REACHING 25,000 STUDENTS EACH YEAR AND DEEPENING INITIATIVES THAT CONNECT STEPPING WITH MATH AND CORE ACADEMIC LEARNING.**



# LOOK BACK AT THE VIP GALA 2025

**EACH YEAR, SPONSORS LIKE YOU  
HELP TRANSFORM INSPIRATION  
INTO IMPACT — ON STAGES  
NATIONWIDE AND IN CLASSROOMS  
THROUGHOUT OUR REGION.**



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