



Who we are

Founded in 1994 by our current **Artistic & Executive Director, Shaumba-Yandje Dibinga**

Began as a summer arts program for girls with an **initial enrollment of 5 students.**

Our senior artistic staff consist of trained dancers with an average of **25 years teaching and performance experience**

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What we do

Serve all youth who meet our age requirements with a focus on those who reside in Boston's under-served communities of **Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan.**

Engage over **300 girls and boys ages 2-18 annually** in innovative and culturally significant programming to promote self-esteem, physical fitness and civic responsibility throughout our on-site programs.

Serve **4,500 young people** annually through our outreach and education programs which we deliver throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Provide high quality instruction in a range of dance styles including **African, Hip Hop, Modern, Contemporary Jazz, Tap and Ballet** through our signature programs:

Professional Dance Division

Performing Arts Program

Ready, Set Dance! Summer Intensive

Community Outreach & Education Program

International & Domestic Youth Empowerment through the Arts Tours.

(Past tour destinations include **South Africa; Dakar, Senegal; Accra, Ghana; London, England; and New Orleans, LA.**)

Our Story: A Celebration of the African-American History through Song, Dance and Spoken Word.

Offer specialty workshops to develop youth's **leadership capacity** and **job readiness.**

How we do it

Our work is made possible by the tireless efforts of our dedicated staff and volunteers (many of whom are graduates of our programs) and the following **strategic partners:**

Boston Renaissance Charter Public School | Complexions Contemporary Ballet | Greater Egleston Community High
Jose Mateo Ballet Theater | Roxbury Community College Mainstage Theater

Our annual operating budget is \$560,000 which we raise from individuals, foundations and corporations.
current and past funders include:

Linde Family Foyndation Boston Foundation | Barr Foundation | Carl & Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation |
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