

AN EVENING OF DANCE



An evening of dancing opened the eyes of the FSU student body and community on March 28th. The Fayetteville State University Dance Ensemble showcased their first concert production in the Seabrook Auditorium. The students in the dance minor had great confidence that the evening of dance would be more than you imagined. The Fayetteville State University Dance Ensemble (FSUDE) was the main performer, however the Black Millennium Modeling Club (BMMC) and the North Carolina Central University Modern Dance Ensemble joined them. Dance performances included "I am not here/ I am still" which was presented at the 2012 Black College Dance Conference held at Prairie View University, Texas. FSUDE was named into the national organization in April 2012. During the concert, senior dancers, Schanelle Ebanks, Krystal Kelley, Devin Lanier, and Keisha Thomas, were acknowledged.

"I am excited to show the university all of our hard work, they will love it" Senior Keisha Thomas states.

The students in the FSU Dance Ensemble have committed their lives and bodies to perfecting their dance craft for months in preparation of the concert, they have a mission to wake the campus up and show that dance is important and should be respected.

"This concert will change the way the campus views the dance minor. People see famous dance productions like Alvin Ailey and do not realize that people in our community do the same thing not just in New York" FSUDE dancer, Adeedaylaw Israel, states.

FSUDE performer, Peter Wilkins, states that he hopes FSU gains a different stand point on black males in performing arts.

"Many are afraid to dance and fear that they will loose their masculinity"

The Fine Arts Department at FSU has truly been dancing for their lives, due to academic cuts in their program.

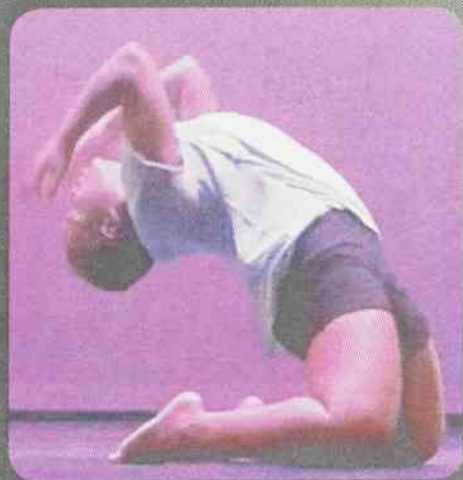
"Since the fall of 2008, dance has been emerging, quietly, steadily and undeniably growing with the support of the Performing and Fine Arts department and the university at large. In three short years a Minor in Dance has been developed and course offerings began in January 2011" Assistant Professor of Dance, Avis HatcherPuzzo, stated in a press release document.

The FSU Dance Ensemble represented the FSU Performing and Fine Arts department tremendously well with their solid modern dance techniques in addition to jazz and African dance styles.

Director/choreographer:

Avis HatcherPuzzo

FSUDE Performers: Kiesha Jennings, Ebony Norris, Deon Lee, Keisha Thomas, Krystal Kelley, Schanelle Ebanks, Myka Webster, Adeedaylaw Israel, Robert Johnson, Peter Wilkins, LeMarr Parker, Erica Mansfield, Anthony Velazquez, Devin Lanier



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