

Theatre & Dance at Wayne

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DECEMBER DANCE CONCERT TO FEATURE NEW WORKS CHOREOGRAPHED BY ESTEEMED GUEST ARTISTS IN THE ALLESEE DANCE THEATRE

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DETROIT – The Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance, in the College of Fine, Performing, and Communication Arts at Wayne State University is proud to present the *December Dance Concert* featuring works from guest artists Wanjiru Kamuyu (contemporary) and Queen Gabby (Jit) and select student pieces. The concert runs December 9 through December 11 at the Allesee Dance Theatre located at 480 W Hancock Street, Detroit on the third floor Wayne State's iconic Old Main building. Co-Artistic Directors of the concert are faculty members Dr. RAS Mikey Courtney and Jessica Rajko.

The *December Dance Concert* is the final departmental concert in the Allesee Dance Theatre before moving to the new theatres in the Hilberry Gateway in early 2023. Student choreographed pieces underwent a rigorous audition process and vary from solo pieces to ensemble numbers.

Wanjiru Kamuyu, a native Kenyan based in Paris, is a returning guest artist. She created a piece with the students entitled "At the moment of encounter" which will also transform to fit The STAGE in the Hilberry Gateway at *The Spring Dance Concert*. Wanjiru's personal work has been featured around the globe, including tours in the US, Africa and Europe, and she continues to inspire students through her teachings.

Guest artist and Detroit's own "Queen of Jit", Queen Gabby worked with To Sangana, Theatre and Dance at Wayne's contemporary African dance ensemble, to create the work, "Jit Happens." Through her work, Queen Gabby shines a light on Detroit Jit dance culture and its significance in the world of dance.

Tickets are limited in the Allesee Dance Theatre and are anticipated to sell out. Prices start at \$15 for students, \$18 for seniors and Wayne State alumni, faculty, and staff, and \$22 for adults. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://theatreanddance.wayne.edu/2022-2023/december-dance> by phone at 313-577-2972, or in-person at the Box Office up to one hour prior to performance time.

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December Dance Concert Performance Schedule

- 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 9 (opening performance)

- 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 10
- 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 10
- 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 11 (closing performance)

Wayne State University COVID-19 Policies

All visitors must present the Campus Guest Daily Screener for admittance.

Theatre and Dance at Wayne abides by Wayne State Covid protocols to ensure the safest environment for you and our community. All audience members are required to complete the Wayne State Daily Screener before attending any on campus performance. All visitors are required to be masked. Our commitment to your health and safety includes timely updates to university protocols. The guest screener can be accessed at www.go.wayne.edu/guest.

About Theatre and Dance at Wayne

Theatre and Dance at Wayne is the producing entity of the Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance, a department in the College of Fine, Performing, and Communication Arts at Wayne State University. The department offers undergraduate and graduate programs in theatre and dance, including a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre; Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre with an emphasis in either Performance, Design and Technology, or Stage Management; Bachelor of Science in Dance; Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance; Master of Fine Arts in Acting, Set Design, Costume Design, Lighting Design, Stage Management, and Theatre Management; Master of Arts in Teaching Artistry; and a Master of Arts in Arts Administration. Minors are available in Africana Theatre and Dance, Theatre Design and Technology, Theatre, Theatre Management, Dance, Community and Studio Dance. Additional information on academic programs can be found at <http://theatreanddance.wayne.edu/>

About Wayne State University

Wayne State University is one of the nation's preeminent public research universities in an urban setting. Through its multidisciplinary approach to research and education, and its ongoing collaboration with government, industry and other institutions, the university seeks to enhance economic growth and improve the quality of life in the city of Detroit, state of Michigan and throughout the world. For more information about research at Wayne State University, visit <http://research.wayne.edu/>

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