

SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

HERO COMPLEXITIES



Our Creative Team

Theatre of Movement and *Hero Complexities* would not be possible without the artists who work together to build the art we share with our communities.

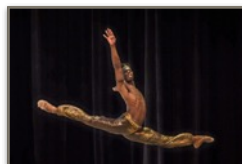
Learn more about our artists and community partners by visiting: <http://www.theatreofmovement.org/collaborative-artists>

Hero Complexities is a multidisciplinary work by Duane Cyrus that is inspired by the heroic acts of Charles W. David Jr., a Caribbean-American United States Coast Guardsman who lost his life after helping to save nearly 100 drowning servicemen during World War II. It investigates the confluence of questions surrounding themes of rescue, self-sacrifice, and heroism when black male bodies are positioned in contemporary spaces. Visit: www.theatreofmovement.org/hero-complexities

A Successful Season

Theatre of Movement's 2017-18 season was an amazing journey of performances, workshops, and engagement led by director Duane Cyrus and company members. We presented in North Carolina, Florida, Antigua, and China as we shared our new work, *Hero Complexities* to rousing audiences!

Hero Complexities honors the brave sacrifice made by U. S. Coast Guardsman, Charles W. David Jr., with a multidisciplinary cast of black male artists--expressing their perspectives on complex questions surrounding themes of rescue and heroism.



Brooklyn Mack

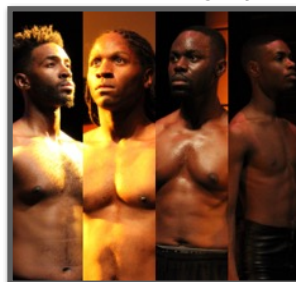
Hero Complexities had a gala performance on Sept 22, 2017 in the UNCG auditorium that featured ballet star Brooklyn Mack and tap phenom Maurice Chestnut. Theatre of Movement company members ignited the stage with unforgettable



Maurice Chestnut

performances. Guest of honor, Alfred Gallman was celebrated for his leadership in the arts.

During the 2017-18 season, Theatre of Movement presented *Hero Complexities* to energetic audiences in: St. John's, Antigua; Conference on African Diaspora Dance at Duke University; Conference on African Culture and Expression at UNCG; Wake Forest Dance Festival; and TEDx Greensboro at Triad Stage! Other events included: A month-long exhibit of visual art curated by Cyrus for *Hero Complexities*; and *An Evening with the Creative Class* where guest speaker and former Black Panther Party member, Dhoruba Bin Wahad encouraged the young audience to remember and continue the legacy of fighting for social justice.



We Need Your Support

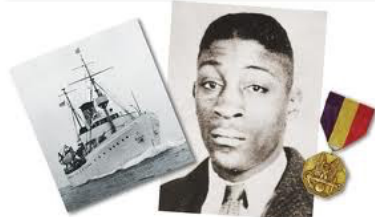
There are considerable costs associated with developing and sharing the unique and important messages presented by Theatre of Movement. Our works help to re-write inequities of representation by investigating historic legacies and generating art for discourse with the public. Please help us continue this necessary work.

Your contributions will help support travel to performances, performers fees, and development of new works for the coming season.

Please make your tax deductible donation now by visiting our fiscal sponsor, New York Live Arts : Click DONATE and select "Duane Cyrus/Theatre of Movement" from the list of sponsored artists.

Or contact us via the website or email below to make a donation.

Special thanks to YOU and all our community partners who help make our events possible!



Honoring Charles W. David Jr.

JOIN US FOR COMING EVENTS in 2018!

Theatre of Movement and Hero Complexities continues to inspire audiences with a brand new season of events! Help us grow by attending these events and sharing our information with your network.

April 18-May 12: Workshops and community engagement for Theatre of Movement led by Duane Cyrus.

May 26-27, 2018: *Hero Complexities* Fundraiser and Open Rehearsals at Dance Exchange in Washington, D.C.

May 28-June 2: Theatre of Movement artist training in New York City.

August 31-September 2: Theatre of Movement will present excerpts of new work at *Afro Atlantic Futures* conference in Leeds, UK.

September 20: *Hero Complexities* performance at Nasher Museum in Durham, NC.

October 19-20: *Hero Complexities* performance in Durham, NC for the North Carolina Dance Festival.

November 7 at 7pm: *An Evening with the Creative Class* at UNCG School of Dance.

November 10: *Hero Complexities* performance in Greensboro, NC for the North Carolina Dance Festival.

Email us at: theatreofmovement.info@gmail.com or CHECK OUR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE INFORMATION, ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCES, AND EVENTS

www.theatreofmovement.org

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