



**28th Annual
International Conference and Festival
of Blacks in Dance**
hosted by
Cleo Parker Robinson Dance
"Black Dance Rising"
January 20-24, 2016 | Denver, CO



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DANCE CONFERENCE AND FESTIVAL ARRIVES IN DENVER, CO! "BLACK DANCE RISING"

DENVER, CO – The International Association of Blacks in Dance (IABD), the service organization for dancers of color, announces its 28th Annual International Conference and Festival is coming to Denver, CO, January 20 – 24, 2016! Each year this galvanizing event attracts hundreds of dance enthusiasts from around the U.S. and globally. Dance professionals, administrators, dance scholars, high school and college students, educators/scholars, legendary dance artists, and dance lovers convene to take master classes, discuss issues, network, laugh and chat, attend brilliant performances, and honor great individuals in the field of Dance. This year's conference boasts a line-up of renowned speakers, performances from local and national dance companies and individuals, with events taking place at the Paramount Theatre and the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, Denver Performing Arts Complex. Over five days, hosted by Cleo Parker Robinson Dance (CPRD), dance will be in high gear this week in Denver. Don't miss it!

IABD's 2016 Annual Conference and Festival in Denver, CO, titled **"BLACK DANCE RISING"** kicks off featuring performances from local and national dance artists, professional development, networking, celebrations, and special events. Experience some of the best Black Dance Companies all on one stage, celebrating 28 years of this historical, one-of-its-kind event, and dance from the African Diaspora. Nearly 400 individuals (dance professionals, students, educators, and scholars) from the national and international dance field will gather for the Conference at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. (www.iabdassociation.org/hotel-and-travel)

At the heart of the conference and festival are three Performance Presentations taking place at Paramount Theatre and the Ellie Caulkins Opera House, Denver Performing Arts Complex. Leading dance companies (Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Lula Washington, Dance Theatre, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, Atlanta Dance Connection, to name a few) and artists will take the stage highlighting the diverse variety of genres and styles of dance.

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Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 PM – Emerging Artists Presentation (Youth)
Friday, January 22 at 8:00 PM – Emerging and Established Artists Presentation (Members)
Saturday, January 23 at 8:00 PM – IABD International Presentation (Founders)

The 2016 IABD Conference and Festival, a five day celebration of Black Dance, January 20 – 24, 2016 hosted by Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, will bring together artists, dance companies, directors, choreographers, educators, scholars, students, supporters, and lovers of dance.

To register for the conference, visit <http://www.iabdassociation.org/conference>. In the coming weeks, refer to IABD's website, www.iabdassociation.org, for finalized performance programs, master classes, and workshop schedules. IABD is grateful to the following Host Partners of the 2016 Conference: Art Works – National Endowment for the Arts and Cleo Parker Robinson Dance.

EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Event: IABD 28th Annual International Conference and Festival of Blacks in Dance

Dates: Wednesday, January 20 – Sunday, January 24, 2016

Location: Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, 1550 Court Pl, Denver, CO 80202.

Ticket Info: www.iabdassociation.org/registration-information

General Info: www.iabdassociation.org/conference

About IABD

Celebrating 28 years of dance – THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN DANCE preserves and promotes dance by people of African ancestry or origin, and assists and increases opportunities for artists in networking, funding, performance, education, audience development, philosophical dialogue, touring and advocacy.

About CPRD

CLEO PARKER ROBINSON DANCE aims to serve as a local anchor and international destination for the study and celebration of culture with an emphasis on dance and its relation to community empowerment and democratic renewal. Through demonstrated success in creative programming, fiscal responsibility, management and artistic development, CPRD aims to foster an environment of collaboration and leadership that advances the highest quality yet accessible and affordable cultural arts programming for all people with particular focus upon underserved communities.

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