



Beckles Dancing Company,
in partnership with South Dallas Cultural Center,
presents

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featuring
Suite Langston Hughes
by Donald McKayle

14+15 April 2023
Fri + Sat at 7:00 pm

20.00 General Admission
10.00 Seniors, students
+ members of Star System
+ Dance Council of North Texas
Tickets available at ticketdfw.com
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South Dallas Cultural Center
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Donald McKayle, Charlotte Crawford
Newsletter April 2023

Dear Donald -

You are known to some as *“one of America’s Irreplaceable Dance Treasures: the first 100.”* I can’t agree more!

But, in my time, you were *“just”* an esteemed, working choreographer. When I was in Syracuse Ballet Theatre I enjoyed the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble (now Ailey II) in **Games**,

never imagining that one day I would do it myself. But I did! I learned it from Sylvia Waters and Mary Barnett; it was a full experience, and I learned a lot about theater without thinking about it.

My first experience working with you was in **The Emperor Jones**, a magical time, in rehearsal and performance, with live Jazz musicians. There are two things that stand out in my mind about when you made it a dance-only version called **Vever**. One was that we the dancers were charged carrying rhythms and tempi into the Recording Studio (for Vever music); and that I was cast in the role The Houngan, originally danced by no less a prominent figure than the great Charles Moore!

We kept in touch over the years (decades), and then I was in touch with Liane McKayle and Lea Vivante McKayle. After some discussion by email, it was decided that **Suite Langston Hughes** would be the best fit. We are privileged to be presenting it, and hopefully we will bring a clear and illuminating expression to your voice!

With love and respect,
Loris.

More BDC dancing in this Arts Month

7 April 2023 at 8:00 pm – Over the Bridge Arts presents its second annual **First Draft Dance**, Kurth Hall at the Sammons Center for the Arts. Admission: 20.00, 10.00 for students and seniors

“FIRST DRAFT DANCE kicks off Dallas Arts Month with a one-night-only performance of new works by contemporary and classical choreographers at Sammons Center for the Arts. Featuring: Avant Chamber Ballet/Madelaine Boyce, Beckles Dancing Company, Danielle Georgiou Dance Group, 6 o'clock Dance Theatre, Cami Holman, Sarah Matzke, Tina Mullone and Lori Sundeen Soderbergh.”

15 April 2023 **Dance Planet 26!** - FREE – 3:30 pm hour – Lacy and Charlotte will each be dancing solos!

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