



Andre R. George with Charmain Quamina, Dave Williams, and Penelope Kalloo at Maracas Bay

Newsletter December 2023

World AIDS Day, 1 December

Andre would be sixty years old this year, but died at 32 of complications from AIDS. My best friend, Brett, was 36. And AIDS, like COVID, is still alive in our society.

Oak Cliff Cultural Center in Dallas TX is showing films at 7:00 pm. 214-670-3777

Founder's Day ... Andre's birthday .. [6 December 1963](#) .. in Marabella, Trinidad & Tobago.

He danced with various companies in NYC, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, then his own company.

Hanukkah ... We're sending vibes of Peace, through all the conflict!

Winter Solstice ... the longest night, marking the slow return of the light.

Christmas ... celebrating the birth of the Christ, and a season of giving.

Kwanzaa ... seven-day African American celebration of principles to live by.

I hope you are all doing well and will have a wonderful December!

Upcoming

January	3	BDC starts for the New Year
	17	BDC auditions begin
Feb	9	Shades of Black at South Dallas Cultural Center
April	5+6	First Draft Dance, part of Over The Bridge Arts, Sammons Center for the Arts
May	3+4	Almost Thirty, BDC spring performances

Why dance

Cece: for release and a sense of joy, Charlotte: to connect with a deeper part of me, and in result to connect with others, Keeanna: to remember Ailey, Loris: to sing and to fly / as told to Micaela in November 2023



Members of BDC with guest choreographers Ronny "Tsunami" Johnson (top left) and Micaela Gutierrez-Tillett (center) / guest choreographer Anthony Wade in photo by Josh Brewster, courtesy @b.moore.dance

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