



# 20 MORE! Encore!

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## ***Joe's Movement Emporium to Honor Long-Time Supporters at 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in March***

*Prince George's County, BB&T, Cafritz Foundation, Meyer Foundation and MD National Capital Park & Planning to be recognized*

**Mount Rainier, MD** – Joe's Movement Emporium, the largest independent performing arts center in Prince Georges County, will honor six long-time supporters at its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala *Encore! 20 More!* on March 21, 2015. Honorees will include County Executive Rushern Baker of Prince George's County, Craig Pascal, Senior Vice President, BB& T, Calvin Cafritz, Chair, The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, Rick Moyers, Vice President, Eugene & Agnes Meyer Foundation, Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council, and Ronnie Gathers, Commissioner, the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission. Together the six organizations have contributed several million dollars in support, enabling the organization to bring accessible cultural enrichment, progressive education, workforce development, and economic growth to its community.

Joe's will highlight the diverse, rich history of its organization during a nine-month celebration beginning in January through October 2015. The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala *Encore! 20 More!* will be held at Joe's Movement Emporium at 3309 Bunker Hill Rd, Mt. Rainier, MD on March 21, 2015 from 7:00-10:00pm. For ticket and sponsorship information, visit [www.joesmovement.org](http://www.joesmovement.org) or call 301-699-1819.

### **About Joe's Movement Emporium**

In 1995, dancer/choreographer Brooke Kidd, along with fellow artist Ajax Joe Drayton, had a unique vision to meet their needs as well as those of the surrounding community. Seeking affordable rehearsal and performance space, the two co-founded Joe's Movement Emporium, a storefront studio in Mt. Rainier, MD, a community that lacked access to the arts. The space soon became recognized as an environment in which every "Joe" would be welcome to express themselves through movement, regardless of experience, body size, or age.

Since then, under the directorship of Kidd, Joe's has evolved from a small, storefront studio to a 20,000 sq. ft. arts center widely-regarded as the cornerstone of an arts-led economic re-development effort in Prince George's County.

Joe's serves as the artistic base to over 25 artists and arts group of all disciplines. Complete with a black box theater, three dance studios and an arts education wing, the facility serves nearly 70,000 individuals annually. As one of the region's most well respected non-profit arts center, Joe's successfully utilizes arts as a vehicle for progressive education and workforce training, serving 3,500 youth last year alone.

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*Joe's Movement Emporium is the largest independent performing arts center in Prince George's County, MD. Founded in 1992, it is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that incorporates dance, movement and performing arts traditions from around the world into exceptional educational and artistic experiences. Joe's unique ability to utilize the arts as a vehicle for progressive education, workforce training and economic growth have made it one of the most well-respected nonprofit organizations in the region. For more information call 301-699-1819 or visit [joesmovement.org](http://joesmovement.org).*