



20 MORE! Encore!

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NBC News 4 Reporter Tracee Wilkins to Host Joe's Movement Emporium 20th Anniversary Celebration

Evening celebrating arts organization will feature live music, social dance, delicious food, and amazing guests

Mount Rainier, MD – On March 21, 2015, Joe's Movement Emporium's, Prince Georges County's largest independent performing arts center, will celebrate its 20th Anniversary Gala, *Encore! 20 More!*, featuring award-winning NBC News 4 Reporter Tracee Wilkins as host and live music from the funk and blues band "The Black Coffee Experience." The night celebrates two-decades of the grassroots organization moving people, minds and community through the arts.

Ms. Wilkins, a graduate of High Point High School, will highlight Joe's community impact and educational contribution to her home county. As Prince George's County Bureau Chief for News4, Tracee Wilkins, a Beltsville, MD native, has been very active in the Washington-area community. She brings her spirited enthusiasm to help Joe's honor long-time supporters and reflect upon its inspiring story.



Musical entertainment will be provided by the eclectic band "The Black Coffee Experience." Under the direction of the Washington D.C. born, LA-bred musician, B.T. Richardson, the band will keep the party on the dance-floor in the style that it has made them a hit at the popular DC night spot,

Madam's Organ. Richardson, as bassist and lead singer, has led the band since 1995. With over twenty years of experience as a performing artist, B.T. Richardson has played with the likes of Jazz vocalist VINX, Blues legend Son Seals and Rock and Roll pioneer Bo Diddley.



The evening will also feature aerial performances by Alana Cole Faber and UpSpring Studio, drumming performances by Soul in Motion, and other amazing spectacles

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to dazzle guests. The 20th 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 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.