The 9th Annual Black Choreographers Festival: Here and Now presents...



Featuring Festival Artists

Jamar Welch & Byb Chanel Bibene

Friday, February 8, 2013 • 630p-830p

The Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, Studio D 1428 Alice Street, Oakland, CA

Class fee \$10.00

Mixed level class - All welcomed. Come early. Space is limited.

Jamar Nicholas Welch aka **"Jammer"** is an actor, dancer, choreographer, and teacher raised in Richmond, CA. He is the Artistic Director of Housin' Authority dance class and CEO of Jmajik Pro. He has performed in plays, commercials, videos, award shows, talk shows, live concerts and films. As an actor/dancer Jamar has worked with Michael Jackson, Madonna, Usher, Beyonce, KRS 1, Bette Midler, and more. He has taught his signature dance style internationally and is proud to submit the work of his new production Jmajik Pro for the third consecutive year in this year's Black Choreographers Festival.

Jamar will be teaching his signature hip-house soul dance class. "Hip house Soul" is a fusion of old to new school hip hop moves mixed with house-style foot work (reminiscent of tap dancing) and classic soul steps of R&B groups from the 70s to present.

Byb Chanel Bibene shares Kongo Vibes! He revisits his roots of a Congolese man who grew up in a mixed culture in which tradition and modernity cohabitate. Byb's teaching style is warm, friendly and filled with humor. Whether you are new to Congolese dance forms or have years of dance experience, you are sure to find your place in Byb's workshop.





Dancer: Jamar Nicholas Welch Photo by: Anne Raftery