



2021 Virtual MLK Day Celebration Performance Artist Information

Dance E.L.I.T.E. Performance Academy

One of Columbus' premiere dance studios that prides itself on providing quality instruction in a welcoming yet challenging environment, while keeping the whole student in mind. They offer a wide range of dance classes it is most known for its emphasis on Hip-Hop and Jazz. The students of D.E.P.A are not only encouraged to work hard to become the best dancers they are capable of being, but also positive contributors to the community at large. Dance E.L.I.T.E. is constantly taking the art of dance to the next level!

Lincoln Park Singing Soldiers

The Singing Soldiers are a group of Christian young men ages 5 – 15 fighting to save souls through music and ministry. They use the word of God to build character in themselves and be accountable to their faith. Their motto is Matthew 5:16 and reads: "Let you so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." So they choose to be a light to their peers to bring other kids to Christ by showing there is more out there than what we see on the streets and TV. They want to how that is is not only "cool" to give God the glory, but to do so in an upbeat and exciting way. They are Soldiers, The Singing Soldiers and they are winning in God's Army.

Playon Patrick

Advocate ambassador and artist. Playon Patrick is a Columbus, Ohio native, and the 2020 Class Valedictorian from Fort Hayes Arts and Academics High School. He completed post-secondary education classed at Columbus State Community College while in High School. Playon is also a 5x City of Columbus MLK Oratorical Contest winner. President Barack Obama considers Playon "A hard act to follow" He attends The Ohio State University and is majoring in Criminal Justice and Criminology. Playon looks to work in Criminal Justice Administration and examine the problems in the Ohio court systems and prisoners transition to Ohio's Correctional Facilities.

Rise Up: The Mountaintop

Rise Up: The Mountaintop chronicles events we should never forget while absorbing a great man's timeless words. As we celebrate Dr. King's legacy on this hard-won national holiday, it's

also important to reflect on the responsibilities and carried therein by invoking and living that legacy. Rather than reflecting his image in the name of nostalgia. After the events of the last thirteen months, at least two questions are “Where is this mountaintop?” and “What will we do if we get there?”

SELAH Dance Ministries

SELAH Dance Ministries was founded 1989 by Katina Jennings, community volunteer and arts administrator. Her mission was to provide individuals the platform to pursue their dreams and goals for the Ministry Arts. Since that time, SELAH has performed at many venues and events, to include the King Arts Complex, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus Arts Festival, churches and schools. The virtual performance will feature the flag ministry of special guest Rhoda Belton, who is the Director of Sow by Christ Community Dance Ministry. SELAH Dance Ministry presents: “The Glory Revealed in Us”

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