

Abeni's African Dance Spectacle Returns to Black Box at S.P.A.C.E



Abeni Cultural Arts will present two free performances of "Visions: An Odyssey in Black Dance," at the Black Box at S.P.A.C.E., Feb. 6 and 8 in conjunction with the Savannah Black Heritage Festival.

In conjunction with the 20th annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival, the City of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs will be hosting two free dance performances by Abeni Cultural Arts on Feb. 6 and 8 at the

Black Box at S.P.A.C.E., located at 9 W. Henry St.

The Savannah-based cultural dance group will be presenting encore performances of their production entitled, Visions: An Odyssey in Black Dance.

The show presents a journey through history with African, Modern, Contemporary, Jazz and Hip-Hop dance. Their performances last February played to standing room audiences.

"There is no secret about the contributions Africans and their descendants have made on the cultural fabric of America, especially in dance and music," said Abeni co-founder and artistic director Darowe McMillon. "With the emergence of ragtime jazz in the early 19th-century, African-Americans have been changing the way America makes and listens to music. The essentials of each era are combined in this show to provide an entertaining historical journey through dance."

Abeni Cultural Arts was founded in 2006 by Darowe McMillon, who is the group's manager, Muriel Miller who is the Artistic Director and Stephanie Sykes-Davis. Their intention is to create engaging cultural programs in the areas of dance, drama, music, visual arts and voice. Over the past year, Abeni has been featured in several local productions including All Walks of Life's Hip-Hop History Play, the Savannah Shakespeare Festival and Savannah's Cultural Arts Theatre's Once On This Island. They also recently staged their first solo production For the Love of Christmas, at the St. Pius X Family Resource Center.

The performances are free and open to the public with limited seating. Doors will open at 7 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Seating will be ticketed on a first-come, first-served basis. S.P.A.C.E. is located at 9 W. Henry St. Free off-street parking is available.

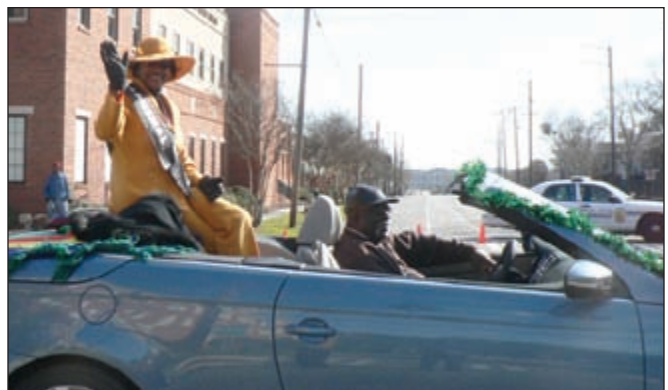
For information, contact 912-651-6783 or visit www.savannahga.gov/arts.

For information on Abeni Cultural Arts, visit www.abeniculturalarts.com.

For information on the Savannah Black Heritage Festival, visit:

www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com.

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stage, with ongoing cooking instruction from star chefs, including Aussie in the Kitchen Chef Paul Penney.

Hot Hunks with a Cause. Help raise money for the Southeast Burn Foundation by supporting the Southside Fire Department when they take to the runway for the popular firefighters fashion show.

Show hours are Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission is \$9 at the door, \$5 for children 6-12 years old and free for chil-

dren undero years of age. Readmission tickets are \$5. Advance Tickets are available at Chatham Federal Credit Union for \$7.50.

Groups of 10 or more can buy tickets in advance for \$7 each.

For group discount tickets and more information, call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.SouthernWomensShow.com. Show sponsors are Memorial University Medical Center, Savannah Morning News, White Lily, WTOC 11, and Clear Channel Radio of Savannah.

THE ROYAL INDUCTION NUPTIALS AND ORDINATION OF: LADY COLANNA CAIL AND SIR ANDRE J. OSBORNE



Colanna Cail and Andre' J. Osborne were united in holy matrimony on Wednesday, January 7, 2009. The wedding and reception were held at the Charles H., Morris Center at Trustees Garden in Savannah.

The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Larinda Norwood. The bride was escorted down the aisle and given in marriage by her father, George Cail, Sr. Matron of Honor was Jamilah St. Jean, sister of the bride. Maid of Honor was Nicole Williams. Bridesmaids were Tasia Murray, Erica Rawls, Lajasha Williams, Erin Rawls and Shawon McCoy.

The best man was George Cail, Jr. brother of the bride and best friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Dominique Feggins, cousin of the groom, Tony Zachary, Cedric Canady, Toran Singleton, Dontrae Wheeler, and Pastor Christopher King. The ringbearer was Alphonzo W. Johnson, Jr., cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Jordan St. Jean and Akaylah Garner, nices of the bride.

The wedding nuptials were followed by an ordination ceremony into the ministry for Andre' and Colanna. The couple had a brief stay at the Marriott Riverfront before leaving for the a honeymoon in Honolulu, Hawaii. They will reside in Savannah.

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Public Invited to Bicycle Plan Meeting

The City of Savannah and Tybee Island are hosting a public workshop Wednesday, Jan. 21, intended to create an action plan for making the community more bicycle-friendly. The workshop, which will be facilitated by the League of American Cyclists, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Fahm St.

The Bicycle Friendly Communities Campaign is an awards program developed by the League of American Bicyclists that recognizes municipalities that actively support bicycling. If a city is selected as a Bicycle Friendly Community an award of platinum, gold, silver or bronze status is designated for four years.

The workshop is targeted toward community leaders - elected officials, agency and department heads, leading public health professionals, educators, advisory boards and active bicyclists. Anyone interested in making Savannah a more bicycle friendly community should attend.

Savannah has made a commitment to achieve Bicycle Friendly Community status as part of its larger Thrive initiative, which aims to increase environmental sustainability in Savannah and reduce City Government's carbon footprint by 15 percent.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 651-6410.