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Camille A. Brown Builds Black Girl Spectrum Initiative

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[New York, NY] – Camille A. Brown & Dancers (CAB&D), recognized for its visceral movement and unflinching approach to comedic and controversial themes, is kicking off the New Year with new Black Girl Spectrum partnerships and tour dates. The yearlong initiative, lead by Bessie-Awarded choreographer and 2015 TED Fellow, Camille A. Brown, uses dance as a means to address civic, educational, and economic struggle through cultural and creative empowerment. Aimed to explore the spectrum of identities among African-American females, the initiative will also serve as participatory research to mold and inform Brown’s work-in-progress, Black Girl: Linguistic Play, which is slated to premiere this September.

“It is my hope that we create spaces where young girls can take ownership of their creativity. It is essential to building and sustaining esteem,” says

Artistic Director Camille A. Brown. “By highlighting the contributions of African-American social dance to the fabric of our society and by giving the girls a platform to share their generation’s contributions, we explore our collective sisterhood, our individual identities, and the world around us. I want them to know that their politics matter. How they move in the world matters.”

The foundation of Black Girl Spectrum is rooted in community research and participation. In order to further the conversation and reach as many communities as possible, Black Girl Spectrum has partnered with local organizations to bring tailored workshops to their communities. As a partner, the organizations work closely with BGS to create a custom event based on the organization’s mission and what exactly their students need. Current partners include: Sadie Nash Leadership Project, Brooklyn Children’s Museum, Black Girl Project, Brooklyn Community Arts and Media High School, YouthStand Coney Island Leadership Program, the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation, GirlsTalk/GuysTalk, and the Divine Dance Institute.

While these unique sponsorship events are not open to the public, they are the beginning of what hopes to be long-standing symbiosis that will impact and empower their communities for years to come. To partner or host an event with the Black Girl Spectrum, please send an email to: blackgirlsspectrum@camilleabrown.org.

All can join the conversation by using the #BlackGirlSpectrum hashtag.

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