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WV DANCE COMPANY BRINGS AN EVENING OF CONCERT DANCE TO: {YOUR LOCATION VENUE}

WV Dance Company will bring its touring program to {venue} in {city/state} on {date}. Founded in 1977, WV Dance Company has been serving public venues, schools, colleges and universities with entertaining and thought provoking performances and workshops through the language of dance. Recognized for both artistic achievement and excellence in arts education, WVDC has toured throughout West Virginia, as well as 14 other states, reaching tens of thousands of people each year.

WV Dance Company's current concert program for public venues has an evening that has something that people of all ages can enjoy together. The evening starts with a work by Gerri Houlihan, world renown dance artist. Ms. Houlihan's dance "4x4" has been set in various locations throughout the world and is now on tour with WV Dance Company! Following will be a work by Donald Laney, "Anne", danced by Lauren McBarron to continue to tell the story of Anne Frank. "Residual Holocausts" a work by Toneta Akers-Toler and danced by Donald Laney will continue to share the stage with Anne Frank to remind all of us of a history that should never be repeated. This work will be dedicated to the people of Ukraine. It was created to honor Toneta's father, a soldier in Patton's Army who released people from the concentration camps. Although a dark subject, Donald Laney has the dance and acting abilities to make each moment speak in a viscerally powerful movement language.

"Active Inference" choreographed by Donald Laney is movement delight at it's best while offering a deep reflection of an individual's internal model of the world. The performance will end with "Suite West Virginia in Six Stories" by Toneta Akers-Toler. The music is composed by all native born West Virginians including Dr. Richard Grimes and Holden Akers-Toler. Storyteller and Composer Adam Booth offers his talents to give us history of women coal miners. Dancers Nash Dawson, Katie Jo Fulks, Donald Laney, Jax RF McAtee, Lauren McBarron, Dane Toney and Sarah Walker beautifully capture the many different styles of dance during the evening. Troy Snyder, lighting design artist, will add his talents to bring the evening to a magical experience for all.

that is not only filled with beautiful movement but touches the heart through the beautiful message it contains. A work by Carli Mareneck, "Metamorphosis" brings in a magnificent prop that performs with the dancers and brings smiles of delight on every audience member who has seen it! Donald Laney's choreography, "Katabatic Gusts", is a trio of athletic displays that is mesmerizing and his solo work backed by popular demand, "I Was Almost Alright" will also be this evening's program performed by Laney himself. The end of Act I will feature the work created by Toneta Akers-Toler that was first offered online due to the Pandemic. The work titled, "Souvenir: Diary 2020" with music composed by Dr. Richard Grimes has resonated with audiences with elements that the entire world has experienced together. The works after intermission start with Dane Toney's, "Effervescence 60m" that can easily be described as a total entertainment of joy as the dancers become elements of the great barrier reef and enjoy dancing with yet another magical prop. The evening ends with a high energy work "Between Angels" by Gerri Houlihan. Gerri Houlihan is considered by the National Endowment for the Arts as an American Master Choreographer. Ms. Houlihan was a special guest choreographer with the WV Dance Company for this 2021/2022 tour. Her work, "Every Little Movement" is also in the program. The seven professional dancers that will perform the works of the evening are Emily Dodrill, Maria Hildebrand, Donald Laney, Kristina Lewis, Jax RF McAtee, Lauren McBarron and Dane Toney.