

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# CIRCUIT PRODUCTIONS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH JAZZ, RHYTHM AND BLUES!

Brooklyn, NY – Join Circuit Productions Inc. as they celebrate Black History Month at the Brooklyn Public Library Central Branch, Dweck Center, 10 Grand Army Plaza (718-230-2487) and the Raices Times Plaza Senior Center – 460 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn NY (718-694-0895). Featuring three FREE performances\* by Fèraba: African Rhythm Tap Duet, Sekouba Dembele and The Paul Handelman Blues Band & vocalist Dee Dee Michels, visitors will enjoy authentic African & African-American dance, and the sweet sounds of Jazz, Rhythm & Blues! *Please arrive early, as seating is limited and on a first-come, first served basis.* For more information/updates please visit www.circuitproductions.org.

Circuit Productions, Inc. - Susan Goldbetter, Executive Director founded in 1986 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion, production and preservation of the uniquely American art forms of jazz and tap dance. Since then CPI has grown to include blues, Latin and other world music and dance. In 1990 Circuit began providing arts education programs in public schools throughout the five boroughs. Our mission is to inspire, entertain and educate underserved audiences in New York through performances, public classes, workshops, and arts education programs featuring senior and emerging artists who are living legends of the city's rich tap, jazz and world music/dance history. Contact us at 718.638.4878 or <a href="mailto:susangoldbetter@gmail.com">susangoldbetter@gmail.com</a>. For event updates please visit <a href="mailto:www.circuitproductions.org">www.circuitproductions.org</a>.

#### **2015 Program Highlights:**

#### Friday, February 6 at 5:30pm

**Cultural After School Adventures/CASA Special School Event** 

Student performance with Fèraba: African Rhythm Tap Duet!

The New American Academy - Public School 770 - 60 East 94th Street, Brooklyn, NY

Space is limited, RSVP is a MUST to <a href="mailto:rozi2k7@gmail.com">rozi2k7@gmail.com</a> to secure your seat.

#### Saturday, February 14 at 1:00pm

Fèraba: African Rhythm Tap Duet - Ages 2-4

Brooklyn Public Library, Central Branch Dweck Center, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY.

A celebration for Black History Month featuring tap dancing to the propulsive rhythms of African drumming.

## Tuesday, February 17 at 11:00am

Stomp, Clap, and Sing with Sekouba Dembele

Brooklyn Public Library, Central Branch Dweck Center, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY An intergenerational workshop with toddlers and their families featuring a highly interactive program using percussion, song and movement. <a href="https://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org">www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org</a>.

# Friday, February 27 at 2:00pm

The Paul Handelman Blues Trio with vocalist Dee Dee Michels

Raices Times Plaza Senior Center, 460 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Space is limited, RSVP is a MUST to <a href="mailto:rbland@dfta.gov">rbland@dfta.gov</a> to secure your seat.

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