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History of Black Dance in America -

Photo Exhibition/Fundraiser PRESS RELEASE

Exhibit runs from Feb. 13 thru to March 18

Old Downtown Torrance, CA - GALLERY EXPOSURE is happy to announce it's new exhibition, "History of Black Dance in America", a 53- piece collection of original works by South Bay photographer Gayle Goodrich from the dance production of the same name. The exhibition is a series of images taken during the production's dress rehearsal and all three performances in June 2015.

The History of Black Dance in America (HBDA) is the creation of Chester Whitmore and Ron Parker, borne out of their mutual love and respect for Black dance history, and is performed by Central Avenue Dance Ensemble. CADE is a vernacular jazz dance company named after the famous "Central Avenue" district of Los Angeles, which was the center of Black LA culture and entertainment in the early part of the 20th Century and was considered the west coast equivalent to Harlem.

Founded by Chester and Ron, CADE is the only dance company in the United States solely dedicated to the preservation of African-American vernacular dance, and has performed HBDA for Black History Month in 2011, 2012 and 2014 to sold out audiences.

Chester Whitmore is a world-renown choreographer, tap dancer and dance historian, and is one of the last surviving members of the famed "Hoofers Club". Ron Parker is a Ballroom dancer and dance historian and has produced HBDA for the past 5 years.

Proceeds from print sales will go the funding of HBDA's upcoming production February 20th at the Marsee Auditorium of El Camino College.

OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION: Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016, 5-9 PM at GALLERY EXPOSURE, 1439 Marcelina Ave., Torrance, CA 90501. Open to the public. Complimentary wine and cheese will be served.  
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