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### **Upcoming Programming at Circuit Productions in January 2009**

- ***“Rhythm Journeys: Masters of World Music and Dance”*** – performance featuring *Burdetsky Family Circus Duet* with Dancing Dogs
- ***“Blues and Jazz Heritage Series”*** - performances featuring pianist/vocalist *Sarah McLawler* and Broadway stage dancer, *Teddy Williams*

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**Brooklyn, New York, January 2, 2009** – Circuit Productions, Inc., announced today that two series will run simultaneously through February 2009. They are ***Rhythm Journeys: Masters of World Music and Dance*** featuring free performances throughout the five boroughs, produced by Susan Goldbetter during Winter, 2009. The entire series – from January-December, 2009 consists of dozens of free concerts and workshops. Check our website for all details.

#### **BURDETSKY FAMILY CIRCUS DUET WITH THEIR DANCING DOGS.**

- Saturday, January 3, 2009, 2:30-3:30 pm
- Free Circus Presentation
- Bronx Library Center
- 310 Kingsbridge Road, (at Briggs Avenue) Bronx, NY 10458
- Information/Directions:

**Burdetsky Family Circus Duet with Dancing Dogs:** Arkady Burdetsky trained with and worked for the renowned Moscow Circus. He is a distinguished acrobat and juggler, mime, clown and magician. At age 20, he was entered into the Russian Circus Encyclopedia as the youngest person to perform one of the most dangerous flips in circus history. Arkady has appeared on the Letterman Show in New York City, as well as countless appearances in festivals, fairs and special events. His wife, Natalia Avramova, is an excellent "Spanish Web" aerialist and hoop dancer. Of particular delight are the *Burdetsky Dancing Dogs*, Santa and Barbara, who keep audiences smiling as they sing, waltz, and perform hilarious tricks.

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## **BLUES AND JAZZ HERITAGE SERIES**

- Monday, January 5, 2009, 2:30pm, January 30, 1:15pm
- Jazz Music and Dance Presentation
- Site: TBA, Bronx (1/5/09) and Manhattan (1/30/09)

**Blues and Jazz Heritage Series** - Broadway veteran and choreographer, **Teddy Williams** will join legendary jazz pianist/vocalist, Sarah McLawler in two memorable performances on January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 30<sup>th</sup>. **Williams** (Actor, Singer, Dancer) has appeared on Broadway in *Hello Dolly!*, *Pajama Game*, *The Happy Time* and *Within These Gates*. In addition he's appeared nationally and internationally in musical comedy festivals, theaters and as a celebrity on Australia's national television network. **Sarah McLawler** is one of the living legends of American jazz. Ms. McLawler is the composer, conductor and performer of her current all women's jazz ensemble--*Sarah McLawler and Les Femmes Jazz*. In her wide-ranging career, Sarah has worked with many of the greats in the business, including Dinah Washington, George Benson, Pearl Bailey, Nat King Cole, Dionne Warwick, Gloria Lynn, Max Roach, Milt Jackson, Errol Garner, Art Tatum and many, many more. **Please Note:** Both programs will be coordinated and presented with Hospital Audiences, Inc. (HAI).

### **About Circuit Productions, Inc.**

Circuit Productions, Inc. was founded by Susan Goldbetter 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. Our mission is to inspire, entertain and educate underserved audiences in New York through performances, public classes, workshops, and arts education programs featuring senior artists of color who are living legends of the city's rich tap and jazz history. Annually, Circuit provides booking and management services for senior and emerging artists; placing performers in museums, libraries, community-based organizations, local colleges, public schools, and hospitals.

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