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Circuit Productions presents: May & June 2009
Rhythm Journeys: Masters of World Music and Dance
Blues & Jazz Heritage Project

Brooklyn, New York, May 1, 2009 – Serena Rockower, Director of Marketing and Outreach at Circuit Productions, Inc., announced the upcoming May and June dates for ***Rhythm Journeys: Masters of World Music and Dance***, and ***Blues & Jazz Heritage Project***. All performances are in collaboration with public libraries, senior centers and other venues.

Rhythm Journeys: Masters of World Music and Dance encourages public access to the work of emerging and established artists of color who reflect the ethnic diversity of world music and dance idioms. **Orlando Marin-The Last Mambo King** is one of the few Latin drummer/bandleaders of the golden age of mambo and early salsa. He has been doing just that since the early 1950s when he formed his first band at 14 years old. Orlando Marin Ensemble can claim to be, at the time of this interview, the second longest running Latin band in New York, after [Tito Puente's](#). Known as "The Era of The Pioneers" Orlando was a part of the greatest era in Latin music. He is best known for his timbale playing, but is skilled at conga and bongo as well. Live Programs in May 2009 will include:

- ***“Last Mambo King” Orlando Marin and his Quintet***
- Bronx Library Center - at 310 East Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10458.
- **Saturday, May 30th 2009, 2:30-3:30pm**
- Info/Directions: 212-576-0021.

Blues & Jazz Heritage Project is aimed particularly at underserved youth and senior populations in Brooklyn and is presented in collaboration with Brooklyn parks, public libraries, senior centers, and/or health facilities. The ***Harlem Blues & Jazz Duo*** features **Joey Morant** who hails from South Carolina. He electrifies audiences with his dazzling horn technique, skillful scat singing and humorous asides. His Louis Armstrong interpretations, both playing and singing are crowd pleasers, and his admiration for Louis is deep and genuine. Years of dedication enable him to use the full range of his imagination without fluffing a note or losing a beat. Joey plays regularly with the Harlem Blues and Jazz Band, compiled of star veterans of jazz and blues musicians whose roots reach to the classic period of the '20s and '30s.

Roxane Butterfly She was born in France with a father from Romansh-Switzerland, a mother from Morocco and a love-story with American tap-dancing has kept her in New York for 18 years. This underground tap dance icon has been an instrumental force in transforming the stereotypical presentation of tap in the contemporary performing arts world, and has helped revitalize tap on the international music scene while expanding the art form's vocabulary, technique, and perception. Linking her performances with social justice issues such as domestic violence and immigration, her uncommon career has led her across North and South America, Canada, all around Europe, West and North Africa, Asia and the Middle-East, Russia and the Indian Ocean. Butterfly's achievements have been internationally acclaimed by both music and dance critics. June 2009 will include:

- ***Joey Morant and the Harlem Blues and Jazz Duo***
- Kings Highway Library is located at 2115 Ocean Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11229.
- **Thursday June 11, 2009 6:00-7: 00pm**
- Info/Directions: 718-369-9385.

- ***Joey Morant and the Harlem Blues and Jazz Duo***
- Kingsbridge Library located at 280 West 231st Street, Bronx, NY 10463.
- **Saturday June 20, 2009 2:30-3:30pm**
- Info/Directions: 212-576-0021.

- ***Roxane Butterfly*** – film and tap demo-A tribute to the late Jimmy Slyde
- Brooklyn Children's Museum -145 Brooklyn Avenue, Bklyn, NY 11213.
- **Saturday June 20, 2009 3:00pm**
- Info/Directions: 718-735-4400.

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 and emerging artists of color who are living legends of the city's rich tap, jazz, and world music and dance history. Annually, Circuit provides booking and management services for these artists placing performers in museums, libraries, community-based organizations, local colleges, public schools, senior centers, and hospitals. These programs are made possible in part, with funding from the New York State Council of the Arts, a state agency, and in Brooklyn by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs. Roxane Butterfly is a 2008/2009 NYFA fellow and her program is made possible by a grant from Artist and Audience Exchange Program of the New York Foundation For The Arts which unites artists and non-profits organizations across New York State and is funded in part with the public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts.



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Circuit Productions presents: May & June 2009
World Beat Series

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The World Beat Series, is presented in collaboration with New York Public Library. This series includes interactive Afro-Caribbean dance and drum presentations as a means of preserving African and Afro-Caribbean cultures. **Irene Kolseus's Fériba: African Rhythm Tap Dance Company** is a multicultural and multiethnic performance group, fusing the traditional sounds and movements of West Africa with the only true American dance form-Tap. Their mission is to inform, educate and entertain through the universal language of rhythm, promoting the ideal of friendship among people of all nations.

Burdetsky Family Circus and Dancing Dogs is an amazing small family circus, led by Arkasha Burdetsky that spans three generations. "Arkady", as he is fondly known, was trained by and worked for the renowned Moscow Circus, as a distinguished acrobat and juggler. 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. His wife, Natalia Avramova, is an excellent "Spanish Web" aerialist. Of particular delight are the Burdetsky Dancing Dogs, Santa and Barbara, who keep audiences smiling as they sing, waltz, and perform hilarious tricks.

Charles Moore Dance Theater is presently the oldest professional dance company in Brooklyn. Founded in 1974 by the great contemporary choreographers, the late Charles Moore and Ella Thompson Moore, the company's colorful African, Caribbean and African-American dance programs have thrilled New York audiences for years. The Charles Moore Dance Theatre is noted for its reconstructions of African dances thought to be lost forever.

Live programs in May and June 2009 include:

- ***Irene Koloseus' Feraba: African Rhythm Tap Dance Duo***
- New York Public Library, Mott Haven Branch, located 321 East 140th street (at Alexander Ave.), Bronx, NY 10454.
- **Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 3:30pm**
- Info: 212-576-0021

- ***Charles Moore Dance Theater Duet featuring: Jerbean Gilkes and Sanga of the Valley***
- Baychester Public Library 2049 Asch Loop North Bronx, NY 10475.
- **Saturday, May 30th 2009, 2:00-3:00pm**
- Info/Directions: 718-379-6700.

- **Irene Koloseus' *Feraba: African Rhythm Tap Dance Duo***
- New York Public Library Melrose Branch, located at 910 Morris Ave. (at East 162nd St.) Bronx, NY, 10451.
- **Thursday, June 4, 2009 2:00-3:00pm**
- Info/Directions: 212.576.0021.

- ***Charles Moore Dance Theater Duet featuring Jerbean Gilkes and Sanga of the Valley***
- New York Public Library Wakefield Branch located at 4100 Lowerre Place, Bronx, NY
- **Saturday, June 6, 2009 2:00-3:00pm**
- Info/Directions: 212-576-0021

- ***Burdetsky Family Circus and Dancing Dogs***
- Bronx Library Center, 310 East Kingsbridge Road. Bronx, NY 10458
- **Saturday June 27, 2009 2:30-3:30pm**
- Info/Directions: 212-576-0021.

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