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Circuit Productions, Inc. and local Community Partners – Brooklyn Public Library and Public School 40/The George Washington Carver School, in collaboration with Council Member Darlene Mealy, 41st Council District, Brooklyn, present “*World Beat: A Study of Diverse Cultures in NYC through Dance and Music*”

- Circuit Productions, Inc. (CPI) receives FY2011 funding through the office of Council Member Darlene Mealy administered by the Department for the Aging for four “*World Beat*” performances to take place in public libraries in the 41st Council District, Brooklyn.
- Upcoming live concerts will feature jazz artists Sarah McLawler and Teddy Williams; the Charles Moore Dance Theatre; and Feraba: African Rhythm Tap Dance Ensemble

Brooklyn, New York - April 1, 2011 –Circuit Productions, Inc. - along with Community Partners – Brooklyn Public Library and Public School 40, in collaboration with Council Member Darlene Mealy, 41st Council District, Brooklyn, will be hosting *World Beat: A Study of Diverse Cultures in NYC through Dance and Music*. All four performances are part of a two month long series with the goal of bringing together senior and emerging artists with senior and youth audiences.

The four performances are free to the public and will feature jazz vocalist/keyboardist, Sarah McLawler and jazz singer/dancer, Teddy Williams; members of Charles Moore Dance Theatre and; Feraba: African Rhythm Tap Dance Ensemble. “We are thrilled to advocate for and present such a diverse group of artists,” said **Susan Goldbetter**, Executive Director of Circuit Productions, “who bring their contemporary, world music and dance to new communities.”

On May 10th, 4:00-5:00pm, Brownsville Library, located at 61 Glenmore Avenue (at Watkins Street), Brooklyn, NY 11212, will host “*Jazz with Sarah McLawler and Teddy Williams*”. For information and directions please contact **718-230.2100**. **McLawler** (*Piano & Vocals*) is one of the living legends of American jazz. In her wide-ranging career as a composer, conductor, and performer, she has worked with many of the greats in the business, including Dinah Washington, George Benson, Nat King Cole, Dionne Warwick, and Max Roach. **Williams** (Dancer/Actor/Singer) has performed in Broadway and Australia in shows including: *Within These Gates*, *Pajama Game*, *The Happy Time* and *Hello Dolly!*

On May 26th, 10am, Public School 40/The George Washington Carver School will host members of the **Charles Moore Dance Theatre** featuring dancer Jerbean Gilkes, a teacher at PS’s 40’s after-school program. The performance of Afro-Caribbean music and dance is open to local seniors and the elementary school students and their families. **(RESERVATIONS A MUST!)** Call 718.638.4878 for details.) Excerpts of this program will be repeated on June 20th at Eastern Parkway Library.

On June 15th, 2:30-3:30 pm, Stone Avenue Library, located at 581 Mother Gaston Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11212, hosts “*Feraba: African Tap Dance Ensemble*”. This multicultural and multiethnic performance group, Féraba fuses the traditional sounds and movements of West Africa with the American artistic forms of tap dance and jazz in a unique and exciting way. Féraba exposes its audience to many different cultures, and seeks to create a bond of understanding among the people of the world, suggesting that this diversity enriches one’s life. For information and directions please contact **(718) 230.2100**.

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On June 20th, 4:00-5:00 pm, Eastern Parkway Library, located at 1044 Eastern Parkway New York, NY 11213, will host members of the *Charles Moore Dance Theatre*. The program features dancer, **Jerbean Gilkes** and percussionist **Sanga of the Valley**. Gilkes has been a member of the Charles Moore Dance Theatre since 1986 and has worked with Phylcia Rashad, Cissy Houston, Esther Rolle and the late Pepsy Bethel and the late Gregory Hines. **Sanga** is a Trinidadian master percussionist who has studied with some of the world's greatest drummers from Africa, the Caribbean, Brazil and the USA. He has performed worldwide with Baba Olatunji, Carlos Santana, the Grateful Dead and Gabriella Roth. Info: **(718) 230.2100**.

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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 who are living legends of the city's rich tap, jazz and world music/dance history. Annually, Circuit provides booking and management services for these artists; placing them in schools, museums, public libraries, community-based organizations, local colleges, senior centers, hospitals and nursing homes. Since 1990 Circuit has been providing arts education programs in public schools throughout the five boroughs.

About Brooklyn Public Library (Youth & Family Programs)

It is the mission of Brooklyn Public Library to ensure the preservation and transmission of society's knowledge, history and culture, and to provide the people of Brooklyn with free and open access to information for education, recreation and reference. As an independent system, separate from the New York City and Queens libraries, Brooklyn Public Library serves the borough's 2.5 million residents, offering thousands of public programs, millions of books and use of more than 850 free Internet-accessible computers. **Paquita Campoverde**, the Manager of Adult and Youth and Family Programs and the office of **Programs and Exhibitions** works year-round on partnerships with Brooklyn schools, senior centers, and cultural organizations.

About PS 40/The George Washington Carver School

The mission of Public School 40 is to provide a child-centered standards-based environment that is safe, nurturing, and promotes higher order thinking skills. This will be accomplished through the collaborative efforts of involved parents, supportive community members, and dedicated staff. Our goal is to provide life-long learners who will become productive and contributing members in our society. We provide a quality education that maximizes student potential by supporting a standards driven instructional program for all students, fostering positive self-image, respect and the development of social skills in a nurturing atmosphere, encouraging awareness and appreciation for a culturally diverse environment, supporting a variety of academic programs and services, which help build excellence, using a diagnostic prescriptive approach to meet individual needs, preparing students to compete in a highly technology society.

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