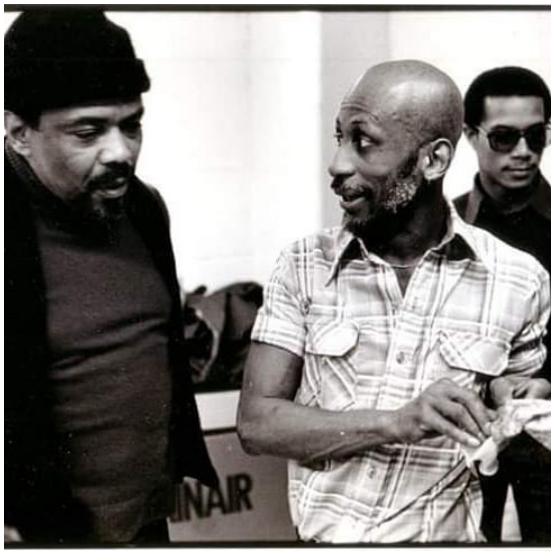
Thursday, September 5, 2019

60 Years of The Clark Center

Company: Clark Center NYC
Venue: Walter Bruno Auditorium
Location: New York, NY

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@ New York Public Library for the Performing Arts,

Bruno Walter Auditorium, located at 111 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan

Thursday, September 5th at 6:00 PM - FREE Admission

New York, New York -- Sixty years ago, at the West Side YMCA, Alvin Ailey created a new home for dance, where gifted young artists, mostly black dancers and choreographers, could meet, exchange ideas, and create new work. Clark Center NYC and the New York Library for the Performing Arts, join in celebrating the history and legacy of the Clark Center with a dive into their archives. Moderated by Evan Leslie, Artistic Producer at the Library and Jill Williams, Executive Director, Clark Center NYC the event is free of charge. Please follow this link to reserve your general admission seat starting August 5th, 2019. https://www.nypl.org/events/programs/2019/09/05/60-years-clark-center

Clark Center NYC is pleased to present 60 Years of The Clark Center as part of a larger series of events celebrating the 60th anniversary of the initial founding of the Clark Center for the Performing Arts. For 30 years the Center was led by the inspired leadership of Edele Holtz, Louise Roberts and Kathy Grant. Sadly, the center became the victim of gentrification and was forced to officially close its doors in 1989. Clark Center NYC, now a 501c3 nonprofit, was created in 2013 by a handful of dancers to preserve the history and legacy of their beloved Center.

60 Years of The Clark Center will feature video from the library introduced by dancers who performed with the following companies - Alvin Ailey, Ballet Hispanico, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Eleo Pomare and Charles Moore Dance Theatre, all of whom were associated with the Clark Center for the Performing Arts. They are: Martial Roumain, executor of Eleo Pomare's estate and a long-time member of his company; Sandra Rivera, a founding member of Ballet Hispanico; Sheila Rohan, a founding member of Dance Theatre of Harlem; and Ramona Candy, founding member of Charles Moore Dance Theatre. A highlight of the presentation will be rarely seen footage of former Clark Center Executive Directors Louise Roberts and Kathleen Stanford Grant.

The Clark Center for the Performing Arts was an incredible hub of artistic expression. In addition to dance, classes in theater, music and stagecraft were available for everyone. Performances, often free or at very low-cost, were presented by faculty and emerging choreographers. Reflecting on the myriad of great artists who passed through Clark Center's doors, one is struck by the enormous depth of talent that gathered there. Dancers of every discipline and level, musicians, actors, poets, writers, photographers, lighting designers and visual artists found inspiration in this dance studio. For more information please visit: www.clarkcenternyc.org

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