

Friday, May 12, 2023

## CROWN Film Premiere

Company: AbunDance Academy of the Arts, Inc.  
Venue: Major Owens Community Center  
Location: Brooklyn, NY

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"CROWN", a short film Co-Written and Co-Directed by Karisma Jay, MFA (STOMP, Common's When We Move, The Juilliard School) and Nofisat Almaroof, MD (Look Back at It, NYU) features Nitrine S. Brown (Donald Glover's SWARM, Tyler Perry's Ruthless and Abbott Elementary) and introduces Kennedy Salley, an AbunDance Academy student and Freshman Dance Major of Laguardia HS (The Fame School). Inspired by the C.R.O.W.N Act which stands for "Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair", "CROWN", tells the story of an aspiring young Ballet dancer trying to tame her hair into submission as she embarks on the most important audition of her life. "CROWN" is a coming of age story for All Ages to enjoy. With an all Black cast and original music by Agyakomah, this short film celebrates Black Hair, Black Dance and Black Excellence. "CROWN" is an opportunity to redefine black beauty and representation in the film industry and showcase the multidimensionality of the black hair experience. With a supporting cast of New York natives and working performing artists, "CROWN" aims to celebrate and amplify Curls, Kinks, Frizz and Afros everywhere while encouraging everyone to honor their CROWNS!

This event will include a moderated talk-back/panel discussion, Live DJ, Live Vocal performance and host local vendors. There will be group discounts provided for School Assemblies, Girl Scouts, Women's Groups and Neighboring Senior Centers to attend the evening screening for the General Public. "CROWN" is an opportunity to redefine black beauty and representation in the film industry and showcase the multidimensionality of the black hair experience.

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