April, 2-9, 2021

Step Afrika! presents "STONO"

Company: The Joyce Theater
Venue: The Joyce Theater
Location: New York, NY

Courtesy of Step Afrika!

The first professional company dedicated to the tradition of stepping, Step Afrika! honors the spirit of resistance and activism of their enslaved ancestors in *STONO*. With the soundscape of beating drums and shouts of "liberty," the Stono Rebellion of 1739 was an extraordinary act of rebellion and the largest insurrection of enslaved African Americans in North America.

Consequentially stripped of their right to these drums, they started using their bodies as percussive instruments, giving rise to the distinctive forms of ring shout, tap, and stepping. Using their unique blend of percussive, traditional African, and contemporary dance, Step Afrika! ensures that this little-known yet history-altering movement is recognized for its transformation of African American life and culture.

Streaming On-Demand Thursday, April 1 at 8pm ET through Wednesday, April 14 at 11:59pm ET

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Schedule
April 2, 2021: 8:00pm
April 9, 2021: 8:00pm