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# Youth Academy



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# Youth performing Company



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# Professional Dance Company



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# Community Outreach



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**Ballet Afrique's mission is to use dance to build understanding, inspiration and appreciation for the cultures and experiences of the African Diaspora.**

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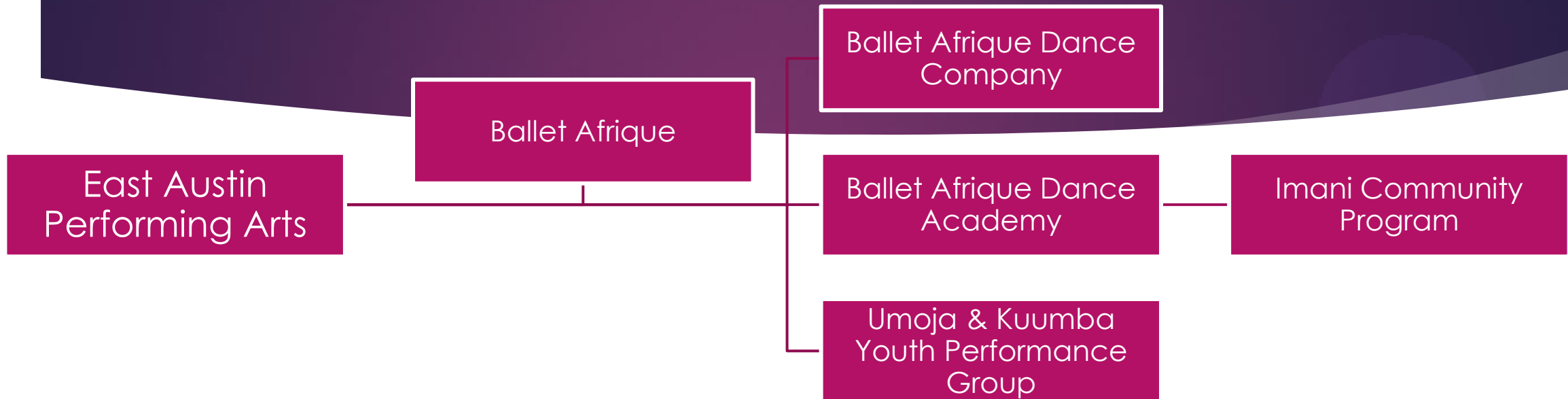


# Elevate

## Program Structure and Development

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Music



Design &  
production



Technical  
Theatre

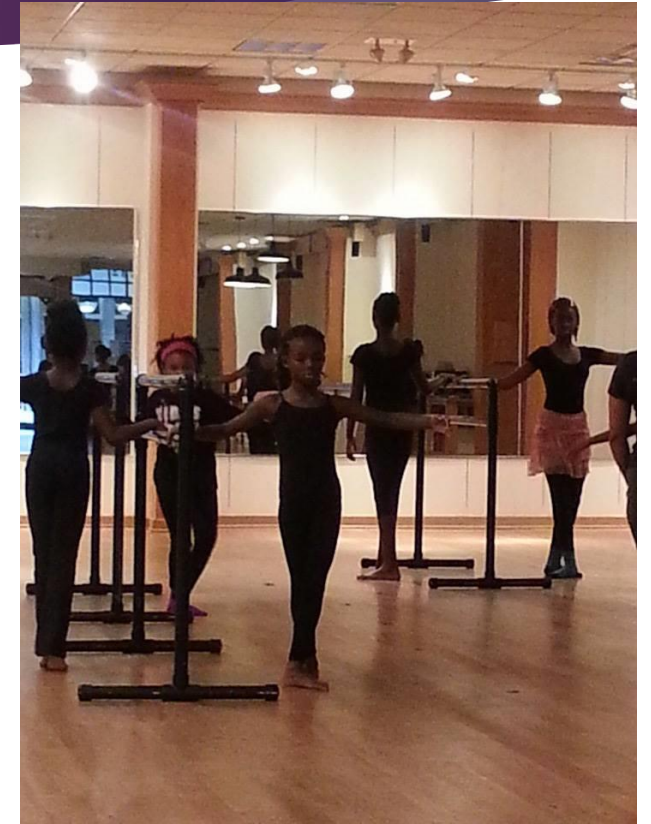


# Evolve Growth

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- Operating for 7 years, serving 518 families.
- Located in highland mall for 4 years.
- 142 students currently enrolled
- 16 weekly classes, covering 5 disciplines: Ballet, Modern, Jazz, African, and Contemporary
- Showcased over 80 performances and over 20 productions
- Multiple revenue sources



# Evolve

## What's our impact?

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- Access to the arts for families who otherwise, don't have the opportunity or means to do so
- High success rate of our middle school students entering and excelling in Fine Arts Programs
- High success rate of graduating High school Seniors going into college
- Developing an appreciation and admiration of self and for Black culture
- Providing diverse Fine Arts & Dance culture in Austin
- International Awareness of black fine arts in Austin
- Long term family and alumni commitments



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## Why Is This So Important To Our Community ?

- The Arts teach our children to build something from nothing
- Cultural Arts combats stereotypes, and misguided education about our history



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## Future Aspirations

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- To be the resident company of East Austin
- To expand Ballet Afrique Fine Arts to include dance, music, theater, and technical theater
- To expand Community collaborations
- To build a warm, well-equipped facility to hold classes, rehearsals, and recitals which will also include substantial storage, changing areas, lounging space, kitchen area and multifunction spaces that will be made available for community rental to bring in additional revenue.
- To provide trainer-led workshops for more than just dance
- To host international Dance Master's classes





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## Our facility would

- Provide the children and community members the ability to continue, uninterrupted with their dance training and education.
- Assist us in sowing seeds of self-confidence and culture-appreciation in Austin youth.
- Give an opportunity for Austin to experience the richness of the African diaspora through the arts.
- Fill the void of professional African American representation in Austin dance.



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# Benefits of ARA & Ballet Afrique Partnership

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- Maintain an African American presence in East Austin
- Recognize establishing Ballet Afrique as a new chapter in the East Austin Legacy
- Continue to expand our growing arts community and outreach programs
- Bring International and National attention to the arts in our Community

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## Master Class Collaborations

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### Internationally

- Brazil
- Ireland
- France
- Ghana
- Guinea

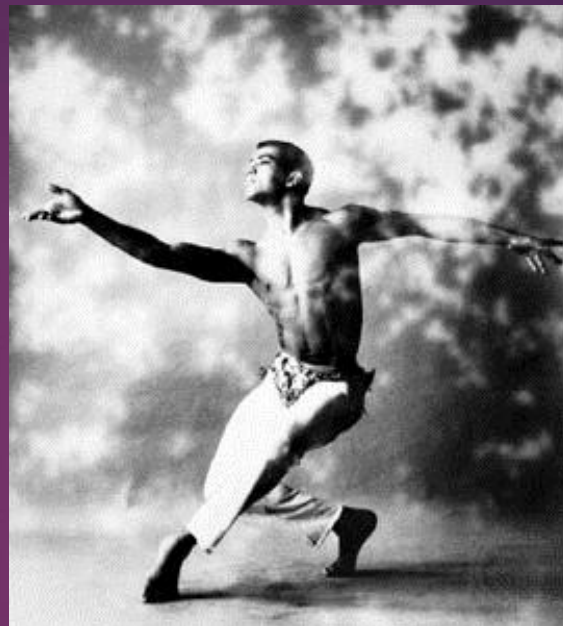
### Nationally

- Chicago
- Seattle
- New York

### Renowned Artists

- Danny Hines of Katherine Dunham Dance Company
- Mustafa Bangora of Les Ballets Africains
- Alegria Silva of the Silva dance company
- Donald Byrd of Spectrum Dance Theater

# One Company's Humble Beginnings



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# Develops into an Arts Empire



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We can too!



# What we need.

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► <https://youtu.be/lvSoCRAVVP8>

- Immediate assistance in relocating from Highland Mall
- Assistance in identifying a permanent location for East Austin Performing Arts
- Assistance in developing and executing a plan to build our center.

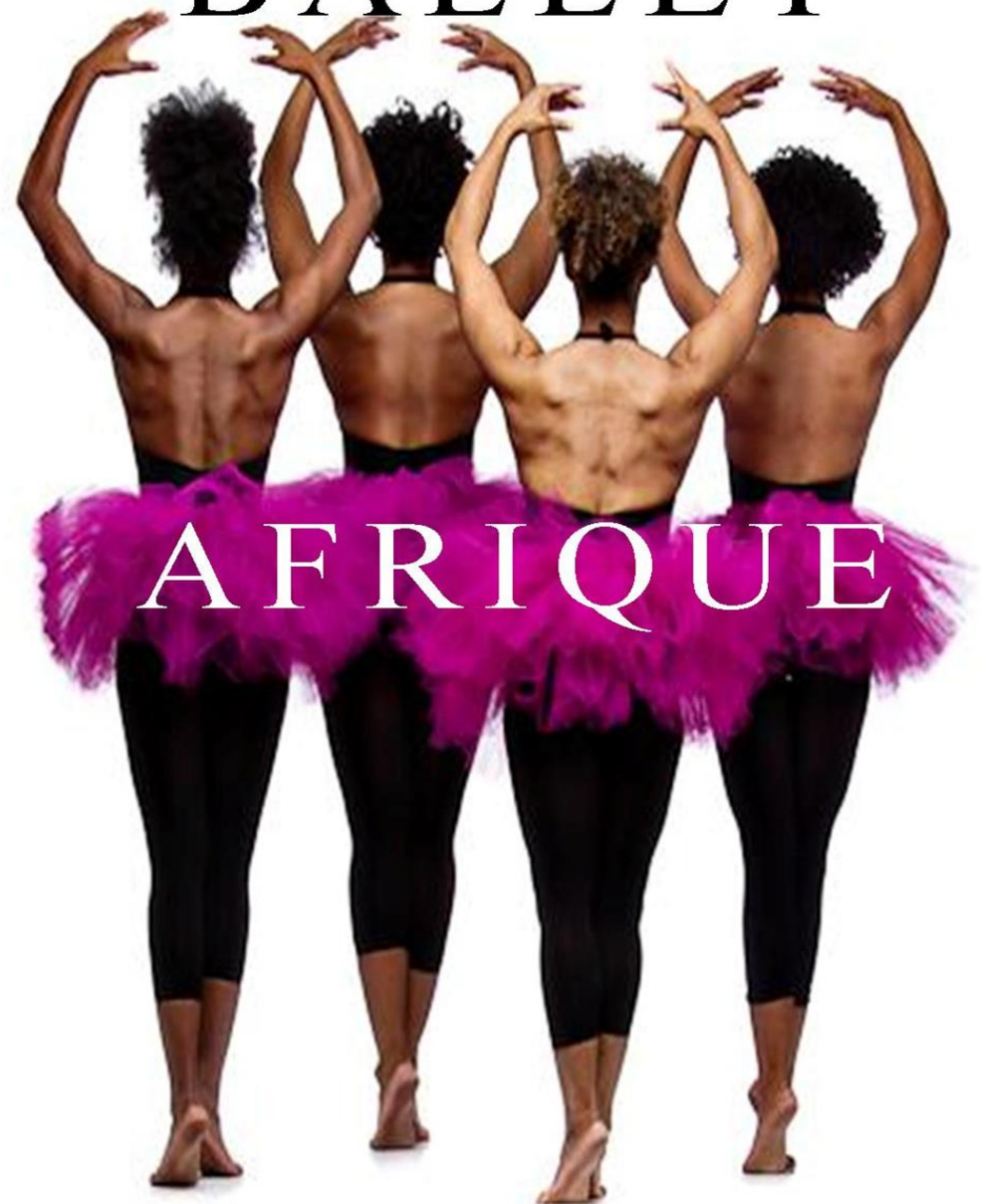
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