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ANANSI THEATRE SERIES CELEBRATING CARIBBEAN FOLKLORE

Takoma Park, MD– May 7, 2018 – The White House Studios (TWHS), a performing arts studio space in Silver Spring, in partnership with Heart of Tabitha Foundation www.heartoftabitha.org (a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing supportive programs for young women), is collaborating with local talent to bring its free theatre version of Anansi, the trickster spider of Caribbean folklore stories to the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on Saturday, June 9, 2018 and September 22, 2018. The Saturday, June 9 2018 production is made possible in part by funding from Montgomery County Government and The Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC), support from the Heart of Tabitha Foundation, Lumina Studio Theatre and the Seabury at Springvale community in Silver Spring. TWHS is presenting two shows on June 9 at 1:30pm and at 3:30pm for diverse audiences of all ages with book and craft vendors, and non-profit informational tables. The production will include live Caribbean drumming and music, authentic dances from English, French and Spanish regions in the Caribbean and special audience activities. For more information and to reserve free tickets, <https://caribbeantheater.eventbrite.com>.



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The energy behind this production is attributed to TWHS Artistic Director and Choreographer, Althea Grey-McKenzie, a multi-awarded artist and educator in the Silver Spring area and its Play Director, Kwesi Oginga, internationally recognized and awarded actor, Director of the Good News Theatre, pastor and adjunct profession, author and playwright, visual artist and awarded set/stage designer. Our Costume Designer is awarded local fashion designer, Fawn Jordan, owner of The Wearable Art Gallery (WAG) and our Music Director is musician and awarded business owner, Pierre Stone. The Cast Members are member dancers and actors, as well as seasoned and beginning artists who auditioned and participated in regular TWHS dance and theatre workshops.



For more info about the production, to schedule an interview or to inquire about Press Credentials, please contact: media@cacce-gwan.org

"We are especially thankful to our partners and sponsors for this opportunity and to The City of Takoma Park for including us on their upcoming Performing Arts Series in the Fall. June is National Caribbean-American Heritage Month and provides a creative stage to extend our Caribbean cultural and literary experiences to Takoma Park," says Althea Grey-McKenzie, Artistic Director and coordinator of the Anansi Theatre production in June. TWHS provides performing arts programs and educational services in dance, music, theatre arts, fashion, modeling and pageantry. The studio has been directed by Althea Grey-McKenzie, since 2002. It features its resident dance group, Caribbean Dance Traditions at numerous events and programs, bringing movement and music from around the Caribbean, The Americas, West Africa, Europe and Asia to diverse audiences in DC, MD and VA.

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