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**Student Performances in Celebration of Black History Return to the Weinberg Center**



FREDERICK, MD, February 14, 2022 —The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual [Seed to Roots Youth Arts Performance](#) highlights Frederick County student performers in grades K-12 in performances of dance, music, tableau and spoken word inspired by and in celebration of Black artists and Black history and culture. The event takes place at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on Monday, February 21, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online at [WeinbergCenter.org](#), by calling the box office at 301-600-2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick Street. Children under 10 are free.

The Seed to Roots program got its start in late 2020 when organizer Desiree Tucker reached out to the Weinberg Center about creating a virtual recital for kids across the county that were unable to have their usual recitals due to the pandemic. The idea sprouted from a small virtual recital done for grandparents organized by a group of friends.

The idea was to reach out to all Frederick County youth in grades K-12. The hope was to capture not just those students in local dance or music schools, but also those who have a talent but may not be able to afford lessons that result in annual recitals. Joined by Tarolyn Thrasher the two recruited other parents to help and put together a virtual recital that was filmed on the Weinberg stage and broadcast via Facebook and YouTube in February 2021. Tucker commented, "That experience reconnected us and our children through performing arts during a time when we were all new to the virtual world and desperately looking for creative outlets." Fast forward a year and now, with the theater open, this group of parents has worked diligently to re-create the event again, but this time for a live audience. Committee member Dr. Kia Tisdale stated, "This year's theme centers on the roots of Black History and Culture and the seeds from which so much of today's music, art, dance and culture have flourished. The deep roots of our history constantly produce new seeds and those seeds grow roots of their own."

A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2021-2022 season can be found at [WeinbergCenter.org](#).

**ABOUT THE WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

The Weinberg Center for the Arts is one of the region's premier performing arts presenters, offering film, music, dance, theater, and family-focused programming. Located in the historic Tivoli movie theater in downtown Frederick Maryland, the Weinberg Center strives to ensure that the arts remain accessible and affordable to local and regional audiences alike. Weinberg Center events are made possible with major support from the City of Frederick, the Maryland State Arts Council, Plamondon Hospitality Partners, and other corporate and individual donors.