

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE

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DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM RETURNS TO THE DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

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Special Valentine's Weekend Performances, Feb. 12-14

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DETROIT, January 28, 2016 – Michigan Opera Theatre's 20th season of dance continues with the return of **Dance Theatre of Harlem (DTH)** with three performances Valentine's Day weekend, from **Feb. 12-14**. Founded in 1969 by Arthur Mitchell and the late Karel Shook in 1969, DTH began as a way to offer the opportunity to learn about dance and the allied arts to a challenged community. DTH's unprecedented success as a multicultural company, school and source of arts education was built on bringing innovative and bold new work to audiences in New York, across the country and around the world. The company returns to Detroit, following a successful presentation in MOT's 2013-2014 season.

The company's performances in Detroit will include Dianne McIntyre's "Change," a dance inspired by women, which will receive its world premiere in New York February 2, 2016. The Detroit repertory also includes pieces choreographed by Darrell Grand Moultrie, Helen Pickett, and Nacho Duato, to music by Philip Glass, Ezio Bosso, and Frederic Rzewski, among others.

MOT's 2015-2016 dance season is supported by the **Lear Corporation**. The Michigan Opera Theatre Dance Council is hosting a Valentine's Weekend Afterglow, chaired by **Betty Brooks** and **Carol Halsted**, in the Herman and Barbara Frankel Lounge at the Detroit Opera House immediately following the performance. Tickets are \$35 per person and may be purchased by contacting Christina Wagner at cwagner@motopera.org or (313) 237-3236. Dance Theatre of Harlem is presented with additional support from **Quicken Loans**, and MOT's dance season education partner, the **Greater Wayne County Chapter of The Links**.

Access tickets for students and young professionals, ages 18-40, are available on **Friday, Feb. 12**, at a reduced price, with a reception following the performance. Visit [Access](#).

A **free conversation with the artists** begins one hour prior to each performance.

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Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$89. Tickets may be purchased online at www.MichiganOpera.org, by calling 313-237-7464, or in person at the Detroit Opera House ticket office (1526 Broadway). Tickets may also be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, at any Ticketmaster outlet, or by calling 800-745-3000.

Michigan Opera Theatre presents
Dance Theatre of Harlem

Friday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 14 at 2:30 p.m.

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About Michigan Opera Theatre

Michigan Opera Theatre (Wayne S. Brown, President and CEO; David DiChiera, Founder and Artistic Director), one of the nation's most vibrant nonprofit arts organizations, is committed to presenting opera and dance of the highest artistic caliber. Founded in 1971, the company's mission is to serve as a major cultural resource to the state of Michigan and the city of Detroit. Visit the website at www.michiganopera.org.