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COBA, Canada's celebrated Black dance company, presents an exhilarating and dramatic Sub-Saharan masterpiece
Les Rythmes de la Forêt

"This is a company that makes you sit up and take notice for all the right reasons"
-- The Globe & Mail

COBA, Collective of Black Artists returns to the Fleck Dance Theatre from February 3 to 5 with their exhilarating and dramatic dance production, ***Les Rythmes de la Forêt***, as part of Harbourfront Centre's NextSteps dance series.

LES RYTHMES DE LA FORET is a suite of dances and rhythms from the Sub-Saharan region accompanied by traditional drums and chants. These dances and rhythms represent social and ritual events including rites of passage, initiations, harvest, and moments of pure joy and celebration.

Rythmes brings together traditional works from co-Artistic Directors, **Charmaine Headley** and **BaKari E. Lindsay**, alongside guest choreographers **Linda Faye Johnson** and **Sister Robin Hibbert**. The traditional dance forms from Guinea, Mali and Senegal were selected to move the audience through an experience of folklore and storytelling to the 'pure dance moment' where, as Lindsay states, "[they] can sit back and enjoy the beauty of the dance, costumes and the exhilarating rhythms".

COBA Collective of Black Artists was founded in 1993 by **Junia Mason, Charmaine Headley, BaKari E. Lindsay** (formerly Eddison B. Lindsay) and **Mosa Neshama** (formerly Kim McNeilly), as a platform to create and perform dance that reflected their heritage and social realities.

Nearly twenty years later, under the direction of co-Artistic Directors, Headley and Lindsay, the Collective continues to explore socially relevant themes through its presentation of Traditional West African dance, music and folklore; Caribbean Indigenous Folk dance, music and rituals in their purest forms possible for the theatrical stage; and contemporary work developed from an Africanist movement aesthetic.

Les Rythmes de la Forêt
February 3 to 5, 2012

Opening: Friday, February 3 at 8PM

Choreographed by **Charmaine Headley, BaKari E. Lindsay, Linda Faye Johnson** and **Sister Robin Hibbert**

Fleck Dance Theatre | 207 Queens Quay West, Toronto

Performances: Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4 at 8PM | Sunday, February 5 at 3PM

Tickets: \$22 to \$30 | Students & Seniors \$18 to \$25

Information: 416 973 4000 or <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/whatson/today.cfm?id=3275>

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