



Step Afrika! performs high-energy dance with sounds and spoken words.

Born of African Traditions

Stepping dancers coming to WSU Vancouver

The professional performance group Step Afrika! brings their act to Washington State University, Vancouver, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, in the Firstenburg Student Commons.

The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are limited and must be reserved by calling the WSU Vancouver Office of Student Involvement at 360-546-9527.

Step Afrika! celebrates stepping, an art form born at African American fraternities and based in African traditions.

As the first professional company dedicated to stepping, Step Afrika!'s intricate kicks, stomps and rhythms mixed with spoken word pound the floor and fill the air. Stepping is a unique dance tradition created by African-American college students.

In stepping, the body is used as an instrument to create intricate rhythms and sounds through a combination of footsteps, claps and spoken word. The tradition grew out of the song and dance rituals practiced by historically African-

American fraternities and sororities in the early 1900s. Stepping comes from a long and rich tradition in African-based communities that use movement, words and sounds to communicate allegiance to a

group.

WSU Vancouver is located at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., east of the 134th Street exit from either I-5 or I-205, or via C-Tran bus service.

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