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'Complexions' Embraces Diversity

Dancers fuse jazz, hip hop

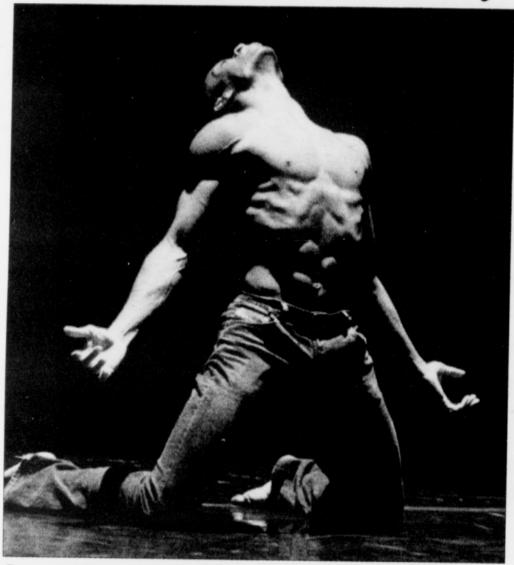
Overflowing with power and speed, Complexions embraces diversity with 14 dancers of different ethnic and dance backgrounds as well as with its range of dazzling work encompassing everything from big, dynamic ensembles to poignant duets and solos.

The contemporary ballet from New York City comes to Portland via Portland's White Bird dance series on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Complexions was founded by Desmond Richardson and Dwight Rhoden, two former stars with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre.

The New York Times has called Richardson, "one of the great modern dancers of his time," and Rhoden "one of the most sought-out choreographers of the day."

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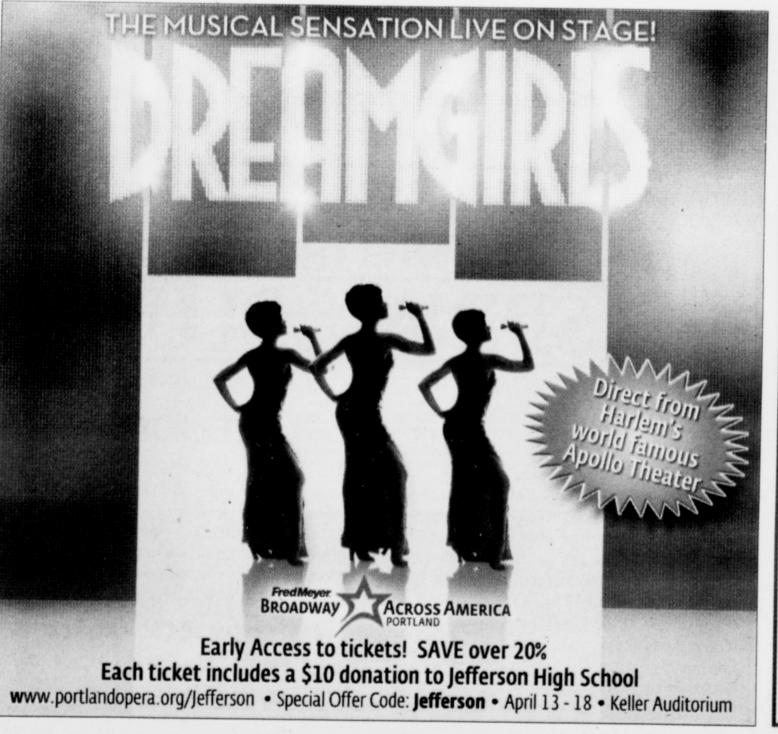


Desmond Richardson merges ballet, contemporary dance, jazz and hop-hop into one thrilling experience in 'Complexions,' coming Wednesday, April 7 to the Schnitzer Concert Hall, downtown

ballet, contemporary dance, jazz mance and community leader and hip-hop into one thrilling ex- Renee Mitchell, will be held in

spellbinding program that merges show talk by local writer, perfor- mance at 6:45 p.m.

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