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What's Going On **Extra performance date announced** **Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 8pm**

Due to unprecedented demand, an extra performance of *What's Going On* is now on sale!

What's Going On is new full-length dance piece set to the ground-breaking music of Marvin Gaye.

Vincent E. Thomas looks through the lens of Marvin Gaye's transcendent music and finds a reflection of the world today. Taking inspiration from 1971's inimitable *What's Going On*, Marvin Gaye's insights into life, love and social justice are given fresh perspectives with new choreography by Vincent E. Thomas, **Ralph Glenmore** and **Sylvia Soumah**.

Songs include *Heard it Through the Grapevine*, *Let's Get It On*, *Mona Lisa*, *Inner City Blues*, *Got to Give It Up* and many more classic hits.

What's Going On takes a fresh look at Marvin Gaye's music, provoking thoughtfulness and sparking conversations to ignite change in each community it touches.

Vincent E. Thomas (Artistic Director) is a dancer, choreographer and teacher. His choreographic work has been presented nationally and internationally. He is Artistic Director of VTDance and Professor of Dance at Towson University. **Ralph Glenmore** (Choreographer) is a former principal dancer with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. His illustrious Broadway career includes *A Chorus Line*, *Bob Fosse's Dancin'* and *Bubblin' Brown Sugar*. **Sylvia Soumah** (Choreographer) is Founder/Artistic Director of Coyaba Dance Theater, performing traditional and contemporary West African dance and music.

The ***What's Going On*** company is made up of 8 new and established dancers, many of whom will be familiar faces from the DC dance scene.

This exclusive preview precedes the World Premiere at Dance Place on November 12, running prior to a national tour in 2017. ***What's Going On*** is the first in-house production in Dance Place's 35 year history.

Download a press kit at <http://www.danceplace.org/whats-going-on-press-resources/>

The Creative Team

Vincent E. Thomas	Artistic Director
Ralph Glenmore	Additional Choreography
Sylvia Soumah	Additional Choreography
Sarah Kramer	Producer

The Company:

Heinz Adjakwah
Ronya-Lee Anderson

Rita Jean Kelly Burns
Patrick Casimir
Stephanie Crockett
Sara Herrera
Jessica Emily Peasant Mncube
Jamie Thompson

WHAT: *What's Going On*

WHEN: Premiere: November 12 – 13, 2016 (SOLD OUT)
Extra Performance: November 17 at 8pm
Further PERformances: November 19 – 20, 2016 (SOLD OUT)

WHERE: Dance Place, 3225 8th St NE, Washington, DC 20017

Find more information about this Dance Place Production online at <http://www.danceplace.org/whats-going-on>

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