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Dance Place Resident Company Coyaba Dance Theater Returns to Virtual Stage

WHAT: Coyaba Dance Theater at Dance Place

WHEN: Live stream on Saturday, February 20 at 6:30pm EST, rebroadcast Sunday, February 21 at 6:30pm EST

WHERE: FREE live streamed event available to watch at danceplace.org

Dance Place Resident Company Coyaba Dance Theater celebrates 24 years with their new, upcoming virtual presentation, *Coyaba Celebration*. Artistic Director Sylvia Soumah founded Coyaba Dance Theater in 1997, defying stereotypes as a woman in the West African Dance world. This virtual evening of traditional and contemporary West African dance, with a focus on the various humanitarian themes of West African culture, includes a mix of recent and archival pre-recorded footage. Perfect for all ages, *Coyaba Celebration* is a high energy virtual presentation that gives a snapshot of the best of Coyaba.

About Coyaba Dance Theater

Coyaba Dance Theater was founded in 1997 by Founder/Artistic Director Sylvia Soumah. Their mission is to present traditional and contemporary West African dance and music focusing on the diverse ethnic groups and various humanitarian themes of West African culture. Coyaba Dance Theater performs throughout the year and has been featured at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The Publick Playhouse, the Lincoln Theater, the Lisner Auditorium, Dance Place, the Chicago Theater and the World Culture Open in Seoul, South Korea. Coyaba Dance Theater holds performances, workshops and residencies throughout the Washington Metropolitan area as well as throughout the U.S. and abroad. Coyaba Dance Theater also offers classes for children throughout the year under the Coyaba Youth Academy.

About Dance Place

Founded in 1980, Dance Place builds a community of artists, audiences and students through high quality performances, commissions, training and educational programs. We are committed to enriching the field of dance locally, nationally and internationally. Led by Executive Artistic Director Christopher K. Morgan, our thriving arts campus serves as an anchor in our Brookland / Edgewood neighborhood in Washington, DC.

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