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Banyan Dance Festival



Event Category: **Palm Beach**

Natural Movers Foundation in partnership with Grounded West Palm Beach will present the Banyan Dance Festival, developed as a new model for dance presentation in The Palm Beaches. Designed to strengthen South Florida's dance ecosystem, the week-long festival brings together professional artists, aspiring dancers, choreographers, and community members through performances, training opportunities, creative development, and public engagement experiences.

Festival faculty and featured artists include internationally recognized choreographers and educators Sean Aaron Carmon, Babatunji, and Loni Landon, alongside other local, national, and international artists participating throughout the week.

Throughout the week, Banyan Dance Festival will offer programming designed to engage artists, dancers, students, and the broader community, including:

- Young Artist Program (YAP) for dancers ages 9-15
- Banyan Dance Intensive (Pre-Professional Track) for dancers ages 16-25
- Banyan Community Class sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority
- Banyan Silent Disco hosted by Nora District
- Banyan Company class and rehearsal observations, artist talkbacks, and behind-the-scenes opportunities for the community to engage with the creative process
- The Banyan Gala, celebrating the artists, supporters, and creative work developed throughout the week. The Gala kick-offs with a cocktail hour that leads into an intimate performance preview and

concludes with a courtyard reception featuring light bites and a social gathering
– The Banyan Dance Festival Concert, a dynamic evening featuring world premieres, newly commissioned works, and performances by acclaimed local, national, and international artists

The Banyan Dance Festival is funded in part by the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County through its Bright Ideas Sponsorship.

Images of three featured artists during Banyan: Babatunji, Sean Aaron Carmon, and Loni Landon.