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Anythink and Cleo Parker Robinson Dance collaborate for performances at The Armory Performing Arts Center

Series of workshops and performances to celebrate dance, diversity and creativity

THORNTON, Colo.—March 25, 2015—In continuing to bring art and creativity to the community, Anythink and Brighton’s Armory Performing Arts Center will host [Cleo Parker Robinson Dance](#) for a series of workshops at [Anythink Brighton](#), as well as two performances of “Enlightenment” at [The Armory Performing Arts Center](#) on Wednesday, April 8, from 2:30-3:30 pm and 7-9 pm.

Leading up to the show, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance will host two interactive workshops at Anythink Brighton on April 1 designed for younger individuals. Two sessions will give students the opportunity to learn about dance and explore self-expression through movement and music. From 2:30-3:30 pm, students in grades Pre-K-5 will have the opportunity to contemplate current events with professional artists by reading, dancing and discussing what is happening in the world and how it impacts their lives. From 4:30-5:30 pm, students in grades 6-12 will use hip-hop as a vehicle to explore dance and style.

“It’s such an honor to collaborate with this nationally recognized dance company to bring the art of interpretive dance to our community,” says Melody Costa, children’s guide at Anythink Brighton. “The Cleo Parker Robinson Dance workshops will be interactive, combining literature, movement and the arts together in a meaningful way.”

“Enlightenment” will feature two significant works – “Free?” by master choreographer Dr. Lorenzo “Rennie” Harris and “On the Edge...Reaching for Higher Ground” by Cleo Parker Robinson. These pieces will challenge audience members to address social and historical events and their impact on cross-cultural communities. Commissioned by the National Education Association, “Free?” uses hip-hop and dance to recall a series of defining events in America’s civil rights history. “On the Edge...Reaching for Higher Ground” is both a personal statement and a call to action, urging audiences to honor the

impact of the Civil Rights Movement while also remaining aware of inequities within the justice system.

“We are honored and delighted to bring our Ensemble to the Brighton community for the first time,” says Cleo Parker Robinson, founder at Cleo Parker Robinson Dance. “We look forward to sharing this experience with all of you.”

Event details

Literacy for the Arts

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

2:30-3:30 pm

Anythink Brighton

327 E. Bridge St., Brighton, CO 80601

Join us for an afternoon of dance, diversity and creativity with Cleo Parker Robinson Dance. Students in grades pre-K-5 will have the opportunity to contemplate current events with professional artists by reading, moving and discussing how these events around the world affect their everyday lives.

Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Workshop

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

4:30-5:30 pm

Anythink Brighton

327 E. Bridge St., Brighton, CO 80601

Meet professional dancers from the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble, and explore self-expression through movement and hip-hop. Appropriate for students in grades 6-12.

“Enlightenment” with Cleo Parker Robinson Dance

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

2:30-4:30 pm (free and open to all ages)

7- 9 pm (ticketed, appropriate for ages 12 and up)

The Armory Performing Arts Center

300 Strong St., Brighton, CO 80601

Join the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble for two performances of “Enlightenment,” a special dance performance consisting of two significant works, “Free?” and “On the Edge...Reaching for Higher Ground.” These performances will address social and historical events and their impact on cultural communities. The 2:30-4:30 performance of “Enlightenment” is free and open to the public, and is appropriate for all ages. The second performance from 7-9 pm is ticketed and appropriate for ages 12 and up. Please contact the The Armory Performing Arts Center [at brightonarmory.org](http://brightonarmory.org) or 303-655-2026 for ticket prices and availability.

About Anythink™

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County with seven Anythink libraries and [Anythink in Motion](#) – the district’s mobile library – and is one of the recipients of the 2010 National Medal of Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information, go to [anythinklibraries.org](#).

About Cleo Parker Robinson Dance

Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, celebrating its 44th anniversary season, is one of Denver’s most cherished cultural resources. Each year, the organization serves, 40,000 patrons through performances and educational programs. In addition to operating a world-class modern repertory company, a year-round school and a theatre, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance operates on the belief that dance is truly a universal language.

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