

PRESS RELEASE



BALTIMORE YOUTH DANCE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE AT THE BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART

March 2018, BALTIMORE, MD - For every loss of life, there are approximately 50 people affected. The Baltimore Dance Crews Project (BDCP) Seniors present, *Call On Me*, an original hip-hop dance performance inspired by the Baltimore Ceasefire. Come to the Baltimore Museum of Art Saturday, March 17th, between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. BDCP will be engaging audiences every half hour (2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 and 4:00). The event is part of the museum's Open Hours series -- a monthly program "creating community together through conversations,

exchange, and learning." Executive Artistic Director, Cynthia Chavez mentors the 20-member dance crew, aged 13 to 17, in a routine about a boy who lost his brother to gun violence. They will also share personal experiences around gun violence and the Baltimore Ceasefire to spur connections with attendees.

The voices of youth are awakening a movement in our country. From the Parkland High students in Florida to Excel Academy students here in Baltimore, youth are making their voices heard about how gun violence affects their lives,

schools, and communities.

Through hip-hop dance, the Baltimore Dance Crews Project initiates and strengthens long-term mentor relationships that prepare young people to navigate the world. BDCP is fiscally sponsored by Fusion Partnerships, Inc. and provides hip-hop dance workshops, clubs, performance crews, and mentoring opportunities. By establishing enduring, supportive bonds through the arts, we can create a more equitable Baltimore where every student can become a thriving adult.



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