



## **2015 Jean Appolon Summer Dance Institute To Take Place at Hotel Oloffson June 27 – July 24**

The 2015 Jean Appolon Summer Dance Institute will take place at the Hotel Oloffson in Port-au-Prince from June 27 – July 24, 2015. An open audition will be held at the Hotel on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 10am. Sixty students will be selected to participate in the Institute. Both the audition and the Institute are open to students, age 12 and older, and there is no cost to participate.

The 2015 Jean Appolon Summer Dance Institute is an intensive dance program that provides a comprehensive and high quality dance curriculum to participating students, Monday to Friday from 9am – 4pm, during the month of July. The daily schedule is as follows:

9:00 – 10:00AM: Yoga  
10:00 – 11:30AM: Modern technique (Dunham/Horton) or Ballet  
11:30 – 12:30AM: Lunch (at no cost to students)  
12:30 – 2:00PM: Haitian traditional dance  
2:00 – 4:00PM: Repertoire (learn and rehearse choreography)

The Institute is directed by Jean Appolon who is also the primary Faculty member and choreographer (please see below for bio summary). JAE Dancers Eboni Baptiste and Isabelle Morse will be traveling to Haiti to assist Appolon with this summer's Institute. Appolon has also invited Colette Coenraets, Founder and Director of Brussels' largest dance school Choreart, to be a guest artist teaching ballet for the first two weeks of the Institute. As both a choreographer and a pedagogue, Ms. Coenraets' style and approach reflects her study of classical Ballet at the Conservatory of the Theatre Royal de la Monnaie (Brussels) under the direction of Maurice Béjart, as well as her training in Jazz and Modern at New York City's Broadway Dance Center and Steps 74<sup>th</sup>.

As part of the Institute, students will learn and rehearse original choreography by Jean Appolon and Colette Coenraets in preparation for a final performance to take place at the Oloffson on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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### **ABOUT JEAN APPOLON**

The Artistic Director and Co-founder of Jean Appolon Expressions, Jean Appolon is also a successful choreographer and teacher based in Boston and Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He received his earliest training and performance opportunities in Port-au-Prince with the Viviane Gauthier Dance Company, and the Folkloric Ballet of Haiti. Appolon continued his dance education in the U.S. with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the Joffrey American Ballet School, graduating with a BA in 2003 from a joint degree program at The New School. Appolon teaches regularly at Boston Ballet, The Dance Complex (Cambridge, MA), and the University of Massachusetts Boston, among other locations. Appolon was recently inducted to the 1804 List of Haitian American Changemakers in the U.S.

### **ABOUT JEAN APPOLON EXPRESSIONS (JAE)**

JAE's mission is twofold: to restore and advance Haitian folkloric dance as one of the world's precious cultural resources, and to develop young Haitians as contributing citizens through a high quality and intensive dance program. Since 2006 Jean Appolon has conducted a successful annual Summer Dance Institute in Port-au-Prince. The Institute targets young Haitians who lack financial resources and have limited access to dance education. In addition to the annual Summer Dance Institute, JAE aspires to develop DANCE HAITI! as an intensive, daily after-school dance program, which includes wrap-around services in academic tutoring and health education, for young Haitians without financial resources. JAE also has a home in Boston as a premiere Haitian contemporary dance company directed by Jean Appolon.