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Hip Hop Mini-Fest Celebration Sept. 27, 10am – 1pm

BOSTON, Mass. (August 26, 2024) – Boston University Dance Program and the College of Fine Arts School of Theatre are pleased to present a Hip Hop Mini-Fest on September 27, 10am-1pm at College of Fine Arts Studios. This event is free and open to the BU community. Participants are welcome to observe and/or participate.

In honor of the Inauguration of Boston University's 11th President, Dr. Melissa Gilliam, we are inviting BU students and community to participate in three workshops that celebrate the history and the culture of hip hop movement. Dr. Gilliam announced that one of her goals is to increase BU's commitment to the arts.

Workshop #1 (10-11am/CFA 105): Roots of Hip Hop Movement with McKersin (seminar/foundational movement). This workshop dives into the heart of Hip-Hop, starting from its roots in West-African movement. We'll explore the concepts of the "Bounce" and where it all began, along with "rocking" and the moves his ancestors made that connect to the style today. We will learn of the connection between our past and today in terms of movement.

Workshop #2 (11am-12noon/CFA 105): Stepping with Izaiah Lawton (history/choreography). This workshop will begin with a history of this centuries-old dance style that became popularized at historically black colleges and universities. Participants will learn an energetic combo of percussive sounds and movement where the body becomes an instrument.

Workshop #3 (12- 1pm/CFA 109): Breaking with Alan Kuang, CFA '24 (technique/freestyle). This workshop will include elements of breaking such as footwork, rotational power moves, and tricks. Part of class will be dedicated to a cypher and freestyle.

AT A GLANCE:

WHAT: Hip Hop Mini-Fest Celebration
WHEN: Friday, September 27, 2024, 10am – 1pm
WHERE: Boston University College of Fine Arts, 885 Commonwealth Ave.
INFORMATION: mtaypin@bu.edu; 617-353-1597; bu.edu/fitrec/dance
FREE and Open to the BU Community

INSTITUTIONAL BIOGRAPHIES

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized private research university with more than 30,000 students participating in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. BU consists of 17 colleges and schools along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes which are central to the school's research and teaching mission. Established in 1954, [Boston University College of Fine Arts](https://bu.edu/cfa) is a top-tier fine arts institution. Comprised of the School of Music, School of Theatre, and School of Visual Arts, CFA offers professional training in the arts in conservatory-style environments for undergraduate and graduate students, complemented by a liberal arts curriculum for undergraduate students. The [Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance](https://bu.edu/fitrec/dance) (PERD) at the FitRec Center offers students, faculty, staff and the general public a wide selection of dance genres, ranging from the beginning to the advanced level. Over 900 students enroll each semester. A Dance Minor is offered through the College of Fine Arts School of Theatre in collaboration with PERD.

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