

## About the Company



The Rebecca Davis Dance Company is a non-profit institution that provides pre-professional dance training and creates ensemble productions of dance theater works.

Located in Center City South Philadelphia, the Company is committed to retaining local talent and attracting aspiring dancers and professional artists from across the country to participate in its innovative pedagogical approach to the performing arts. The curriculum integrates ballet, jazz, modern acting, and anatomy with historical and literary themes.

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# THE REBECCA DAVIS DANCE COMPANY

## The Helen Keller Project

School Performance and Educational Workshop



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On Stage & In The Studio

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## Project Mission:

The purpose of this program is to give young students an opportunity to explore the performing arts by incorporating historical icon Helen Keller into dance and theater. The focus of the program is a professional performance for the student body followed by the opportunity to participate in a workshop. Both the performance and the workshop will expose the students to the unique blend of history and dance while helping to expand their knowledge and awareness of the performing arts.

### Previous Performances

*The Katrina Story,*

Union League of Philadelphia, 2006

*Antigone,*

The Kimmel Center for

The Performing Arts, 2006

*The Darfur Project,*

Angel Orensanz Foundation, NYC 2007

*Tarantino Medley,*

Academy of Music, 2007

*Welcome America, 2007*

### Upcoming Performances

November 2 & 3, 2007: *Helen Keller,*

Prince Music Theater

December 4, 2007: *Student Showcase,*

Studio Performance

## The Performance:

An original 25 minute dance-theater piece inspired by the life of American icon Helen Keller.

The Helen Keller Project combines original music, choreography and speech to communicate how a young girl overcame major obstacles to positively impact society. The piece was first performed at The International Children's Festival in May 2006. The Helen Keller Project has been performed for over 1,500 students since its debut.



In the performance of The Helen Keller Project, two professional ballet dancers of The Rebecca Davis Dance Company play the roles of young Helen Keller and her teacher Anne Sullivan. An actress serves as the narrator, playing the role of adult Helen

## The Workshop:

A 45 Minute Master Class



Following the performance, Rebecca Davis and one of the professional dancers lead students in a creative movement class. The class links the concept of character to dance. Students are asked to choose a role model and then create rhythmic movement patterns and express the positive qualities of that individual to others.

The workshop is also designed to showcase professional dance training opportunities to your students with an interest in acting or dance.

The 45-minute class requires an open space and students should wear comfortable clothing so they have full range of movement.

Last year, the Director of The Creative & Performing Arts High School Repertory Theater called the program "both moving and inspirational". The Thurgood Marshall staff wrote, "the talent and message you shared were priceless and much appreciated in a school where the opportunities for this kind of thing are minimal."