

Dana Tai Soon Burgess creating "Picasso Dances" at the Kreeger Museum

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The new Diplomats of Dance Society is hosting a group visit to observe the work-in-progress February 21st

WASHINGTON -- COME SEE "PICASSO DANCES" BEING CREATED AT KREEGER MUSEUM:

The **Diplomats of Dance Society** (<http://www.dancediplomats.net>) is organizing a special group visit to the Kreeger Museum with a champagne toast on Saturday, February 21st from 11:00am to 1:00pm to watch the choreography-in-process of the renowned **Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company** (DTSBDC)'s new piece "Picasso Dances" inspired by the amazing Picasso collection in the museum's great hall! Tickets (\$15-\$20) can be purchased online and in advance only.

As part of DTSBDC's residency at the Kreeger Museum to create a new dance work inspired by four of the Picasso paintings on display, the internationally acclaimed dance company is collaborating with the museum for three (3) open rehearsals that the public can attend. They are January 24, February 21, and March 14, from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

The Diplomats of Dance Society will host a separate, ticketed gathering with a champagne toast for the February 21 rehearsal. The group will meet in the Kreeger's great hall from 11:00am to 1:00pm, and attendees are encouraged you to arrive before noon to observe Burgess's dance-making. A private champagne toast will follow the rehearsal in another gallery room, where Dana and the dancers will join.

This promises to be a visually sumptuous afternoon filled with movement and amazing art in a truly unique architectural space!

The museum admission fee of \$10 is included in the Diplomats of Dance Society ticket price (go to <http://picassodances.eventbrite.com>), and the champagne is being provided in part by new, local cultural fashion and home goods brand Bijoot (www.bijoot.com)

Space is very limited, so please reserve your ticket ASAP. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Kreeger Museum is located at:

**2401 Foxhall Road, NW
Washington D.C. 20007**

Background info:

The Diplomats of Dance Society is a new and growing association of young professionals and arts-interested Washingtonians who come together to celebrate dance, visual arts and culture in support of the internationally acclaimed Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company - Washington's premiere modern dance organization, and one that incorporates multiple artistic disciplines in their shows and work.

Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company is Washington, D.C.'s premier contemporary dance company, founded in 1992 by dance maker Dana Tai Soon Burgess. Burgess has been described by Washington Post dance critic Sarah Kaufman as "not only a Washington prize, but a national dance treasure" and "poet laureate of Washington dance." In 2013-2014 he was the Smithsonian's first-ever choreographer in

residence at the National Portrait Gallery.

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