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**What:** Arts Bridge Wheaton: A Free Public Dance Performance!  
**Who:** ClancyWorks Dance Company & Excel Beyond the Bell  
**When:** January 4th, 2018 @ 7 pm  
**Where:** Randolph Road Theatre, 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902  
**Tickets:** This is a FREE event and open to the public

**Experience the Power of Dance in Wheaton**  
**ClancyWorks' ASPIRE *Excel Beyond the Bell* FREE Public Performance**

ClancyWorks Dance Company has been named “a tour de force of unpredictable partnering” by the *Washington Post* and Dr. Adrienne Clancy continues to embody this reputation as a community leader, as much as she does an artist.

After a recent successful presentation on Arts in Public Schools at TEDxMidAtlantic, where ClancyWorks collaborated with the students of Stedwick Elementary, Clancy continues her focus on community leadership through arts education in 2017/2018. Clancy's overall message is that dance can be a means of building bridges within a diverse community, connecting people across generations, socio-economic circumstances, and between public and private sector businesses and nonprofits, in order to support community development.

***Arts Bridge Wheaton: A Free Public Dance Performance*** is part of a series of concerts, workshops and networking events that will be presented by ClancyWorks in the Wheaton area throughout the Fall of 2017. This kickoff event for the year – a free dance concert on January 4, 2018 at the Randolph Road Theatre – will allow for several partnering organizations to come together in support of arts education at our local schools.

This concert highlights the ClancyWorks Dance Company Members alongside the students in the ClancyWorks ASPIRE Dance Program. ASPIRE students participated in an after-school residency that was part of the Excel Beyond the Bell (EBB) program. The EBB program, sponsored by the Collaboration Council and the Montgomery County Department of Recreation, supports learning outside of the classroom and builds the student's self-confidence.

Over the past 15 weeks, ClancyWorks' Company Members worked with students from four Montgomery County Schools to create new works that highlight youth voices. Participants from Roberto Clemente Middle School, A. Mario Loiderman Middle School,

Argyle Middle School, and Montgomery Village Middle School will show some of the dance works they created with ClancyWorks dancers in the EBB program, and at the same time experience being part of a professional dance concert.

This collaborative programming is a part of ClancyWorks goal to cultivate connections within the Wheaton community as a means of building bridges within diverse populations and supporting cultural diversity. By using dance as the tool for positive social advancement, we aim to increase the accessibility and availability of dance to Wheaton residents, including underserved student and adult populations, who may not otherwise have direct access to professional contemporary dance.

In addition, ClancyWorks is known to get the whole audience dancing, communicating and networking with one another. To get your groove on and celebrate the possibilities of creative partnerships within the Wheaton community, please join us on January 4, 2018, from 7 p.m., at the Randolph Road Theatre. There will be hors d'oeuvres and light snacks served. **This program is produced with support from the Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County, the Maryland State Arts Council, Montgomery County Collaboration Council, and Montgomery County Department of Recreation.**

ClancyWorks Dance Company is a non-profit dance company based in the Greater Washington, D.C. area that is committed to enhancing the quality of life for individuals in various communities by using the arts as a vehicle to develop mutual understanding and to advance positive social action.

The Company's mission is to increase the public appetite for and understanding of the arts by presenting high quality dance performances and educational programs; expand the relevance of dance in people's lives by demonstrating that creative movement can be used to solve conflicts, develop community cohesion, improve academic achievement, and promote civic responsibility; nurture leadership skills and artistic excellence in emerging artists.

*For more information about ClancyWorks Dance Company, visit us online:*

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