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## The Bardavon presents STEP AFRIKA!

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## Friday, March 15 at 7pm at the Bardavon

Step Afrika! blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities; traditional West and Southern African dances; and an array of contemporary dance and art forms into a cohesive, compelling artistic experience. Performances are much more than dance shows; they integrate songs, storytelling, humor and audience participation.

Sep Afrika! promotes an appreciation for stepping and its use as an educational, motivational and healthy tool for young people. They accomplish this mission through arts education activities, international cultural exchange programs and performances world-wide. They believe that the values of teamwork, discipline and commitment are essential to success in stepping and throughout life. They structure our performances and educational programs to connect intimately with our audience and create a positive influence on students' lives. Over the past 23 years Step Afrika! has grown to become one of the top 10 African American Dance Companies in the US and Washington DC's largest African American arts organization. Step Afrika! began as an exchange program with the Soweto Dance Theatre of Johannesburg, South Africa, and has expanded to become a national and international touring company presenting performance, residencies and workshops worldwide. Step Afrika! gets people moving – towards college, towards a greater appreciation for the arts and towards a better understanding of each other.

## Tickets: \$10 General Admission.

Purchase your tickets in person at the Bardavon Box Office, 35 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, 845.473.2072 or the UPAC Box Office, 601 Broadway Kingston, 845.339.6088 Online at <u>Ticketmaster</u> : 800.745.3000. Please note that Bardavon Member benefits and special discounts are not available through Ticketmaster. Ticketmaster fees will apply.