

2ND
GENERATION Z PROJECT



August 18, 2018
7 PM

ORDWAY THEATER
St. Paul, Minnesota

Performance Lineup

1. Prelude - Community School of Excellence (CSE) Dance Team - Goddess Blessing
2. Event Introduction and Acknowledgement by MC - Jiyoo Noeru's
3. Asian Media Access Performance Team
4. Nancy Thor
5. 2on
6. ENRG
7. Zephoria
8. Peb Yog Hmoob Dance Team
9. lil vicki and Asian Media Access Rap Team
10. Cre.ture Crew
11. La Viva
12. Red Hot Rascals
13. Ntxhais siab loj
14. KAIROS
15. Step with Soul
16. Zephonix
17. Fashion show
18. Tay Phuong Lions
19. Final Bow with all Teams - MC will announce each Team

Preface

Thank you for coming to Generation Z Project – a variety show hosted by Asian Media Access and Pan Asian Arts Alliance. This stunning event featuring more than 100 artists 30 years old or younger, as it presents different manifestations of the Hip Hop culture: rap music (oral), DJing (aural), break dance (physical) and graffiti' art (visual), and street fashion.

The Show uses these Urban Arts to support a cross-cultural exchange among youth of color in the Twin Cities metro area in MN. These diverse youth performing groups from different cultural backgrounds showcase the marginal youth's talents, and to create a channel to give actual words to the cries of the urban youth, to choose Urban Arts as their “choice of weapon” - moving away from violence to resolve conflicts and using ARTS to release anger and frustration, to promote intercultural collaboration and let more people understanding the concerns from youth of color.

Sit back, relax and enjoy these diverse acts, ranging from singing, rapping, free style, hip hop, k-pop, jazz, stepping and urban dance, etc., and spot who is the next big star in MN.



Program Descriptions

1. Prelude – Community School of Excellence (CSE) Dance Team

Performance: Asian Fusion Dance - Goddess Blessing, that brings heavenly blessings to the event and to all audiences.



Artists: June Lee, Kathy Moua, Aml Thao, KaoJec Thao, Miranda Thao, Alex Vang, Angeleigha Vang, Anastasia Xiong, Mina Xiong, Patricia Xiong, Hanna Yang, Jailia Yang, and Lily Yang.

Choreography: Mintshis Vang

Length: 4:30 min

Team Description: CSE Dance Team is the premiere Asian dance group affiliated with Asian Media Access. CSE Dance Team Mission is to provide students of varying talents an opportunity to learn about the Asian cultures through the expression of Dance and music. We focus on making our dancers become leaders, build confidence, self-esteem, tighten bonds, teach discipline, and overall have FUN.

2. Event Introduction and Acknowledgement

by MC - Jiyoo Noeru

3. Asian Media Access Performance Team

Performance: “Voices of America” Dance Drama. This short skit

portrays the bi-cultural life and the problem it brings, specifically the issue of accepting certain individuals because of their differences. We are using a dance team as an analogy for this topic. Our protagonist wants to join this dance team and suffers from the division of two teams, one who is accepting and one who rejects her. Eventually the team comes back together as they realize that despite struggles, they are still one team and they must overcome these difficulties together.
"Together we are more."



Artists: Catlynn Dang, Peter Dang, Maiyoua Her, Nou Her, Amanda Lin, Kajhli Lo, Aeola Lu, Chantany Ly, Jeanette Mendoza, Saysetha Philaphandeth, Keng Thao, Johnny Thao, and Jonathan Woodey.

Choreography: Maiyoua Her and Aeola Lu

Length: 11:30 min

Team Description: Asian Media Access Performance Team is a group of diverse levels of young performers, average under 18 years old, based in Minneapolis, USA, they come together to showcase their talents through manifestations of American Hip Hop culture: Rap/Spoken Words (oral), Djing (aural), Break Dance (physical) and Graffiti Art (visual). Since 2014, Asian Media Access Performance Team has been performing together as an American cultural ambassador group, to represent the artistic excellence of Hip Hop culture, as well as free spirit and youthful energy throughout the world. Their Dec. 2016 trip to China and Korea was a big success, led to invitations to 2017 YiLan International Children's Folklore and Folk Dance Festival and 2018 Korean

International Junior Arts Festival. Using multi-disciplinary hip hop elements, this unique urban arts-based Dance Team explores youth concerned issues, and addresses conflict resolution with presentations from American beat makers, DJs, B-Boys/B-Girls, Rappers, Singers and Street Fashion, etc.

4. Nancy Thor

Performance: Solo - “I Like You So Much, You'll Know It” - Wang Jun Qi

Length: 03:20 min



Artist Biography: Nancy is a talented vocalist, who started singing at a young age. She embraces her own unique voice - a voice that is sweet like honey, and can melt down your heart.

5. 2on

Performance: Move Something

Description: The performance is a set of songs compiled together. It is modern hip hop and urban dance mixed together to form this set.

Artists: Wipa Vue, and Pangdao Xiong

Length: 4 min



Team Description: The team 2on consists of two young self-taught dancers from the Twin Cities. The team was formed because they wanted to get out there and showcase their talents. Although they are still young dancers, they are always growing and improving.

6. ENRG

Performance: A Choreographed Free Style Dance Drama portraying the “Book of Elēkrōn.” This performance is meant to showcase the plethora of styles ENRG possesses in a series of acts, or “chapters.” Chapter one will be displaying the intricate movements and smooth flow of animation, presented by Traejon Hodges (Vortex) and Darren Issacson (Pulse). Krump will be the style featured on the second chapter with a solo, performed by Edward Lucas (Stain). The third chapter will feature Reid Jarvi and Jeremey Paulson (Reveal) and starts with the bay area style dance known as "Turf" and ends with the funk style dance known as popping. Brandon Goodwin will be bringing the show to a close with the fourth and final chapter with a Hip Hop solo.

Artists: Brandon Goodwin, Traejon Hodges, Darren Issacson, Reid Jarvi, Edward Lucas, Jeremey Paulson.

Length: 15 min



Team Description: ENRG (Energy) is an urban style dance group comprised of 6 members, each with their own specialized style and background. Moreover, ENRG features diverse elements of Krump, Turf, Jookin, Poppin, House and Hip Hop with animation

at its core. The composition of styles makes ENRG a very versatile dance collective.

7. Zephoria



Performance: Liberosis: Mixed Track of Urban Dance

Artists: Maiyoua Her, Nancy Thor, Alexis Vang, and Lucy Yang

Length: 02:30 min

Team Description: Zephoria is a 4-member group who are all 18+. One of their focuses as a group is to encourage women to embrace their inner sexiness and feel confident in their own skin.

8. Peb Yong Hmoob Dance Team – the Hmong Hip Hop Team

Performance: “Karma of Love” - Mixed Jazz and Hmong Hip Hop Dance. The pain that you inflicted on your significant other will also be bestow upon you. The regrets and memories will live on no matter what you do and you can never turn back time or undo the hurt you have given someone. The pain will always be there, even when it looks like your physical body is heal-- your heart & soul and still torn. You don't know what you have until it's gone.

Artists: June Lee, Miranda Thao, Mina Xiong, Patricia Xiong, Jailia Yang, and Lily Yang,

Choreography: Mintshis Vang

Length: 04:20 min

Team Description: PYH

Dance team is a 11-14 years old girls dance team. We focus a lot on diversity dances from Asian Dance such as Chinese acrobatics, traditional Hmong Chinese, traditional Mongolian, Thai, even traditional Hmong dance to even Hip Hop from around the world, and many more. Challenging ourselves makes us better dancers.



9. lil vicki and Asian Media Access' Rap Team - The A Team

Performance: Social Consciousness Raps

- Champion [Lil Vicki]
- Keep it Fresh [AMA Rap Team]
- To the Top [Lil Vicki]

Artists: lil Vicki (lead artist), Amiyah Bridgewater, Asha Hussein, Antwon Lymas, Aaniyah Morgan, Justyce Oatis, and Amira Osman



Length: 12 min

Team Description: Empowered by lil vicki, this team has searched in depth to find their voices and ways to use it also what it meant to be a rap artist and the difference between poetry and rap.

10. Cre.ture Crew

Performance: Kpop dance cover set

Artists: Nuhchi Chah, Cha Her, Penny Lee, Ula Ly, Frances Lynch, Jenny Xiong, Jhalynn Xiong, and Amy Yang.

Length: 4 min

Team Description: Cre.ture Crew is a performance and competition dance team that aims to develop talented, confident, and responsible dancers by combining our passions for kpop and urban dance.



11. La Viva

Performance: Fantastic Toes

Description: Urban dance choreography



Artists: Catlynn Dang, Cody Dang, Peter Dang, Mai Youa Her, Amanda Lin, Aeola Lu, Jenny Phung, and Jonathan Woodey

Length: 02:30 min

Team Description: La Viva is an urban dance crew consisting of nine members. Their first

performance was at the Pan Asian Festival earlier this year and the Generation Z. Project will be their second performance as a group. They hope to perform more in the future!

12. Red-Hot Rascals

Performance: This piece, "Topia" has been built in light of the chaos and distractions that have corrupted society throughout time.



Length: 15 min

Artists: Sammi Fleckner, Lauren Garin, Kasey Heimstead, Heather Hubert, Lily De LaRue, Kasey Perlinger, Mark Puder, Rebecca Stewart, Ali Tomashek, Jane Schneider, Leah Westlund, and Leah Westmoreland.

Music: Jesse Goin

Makeup & Hair: Angelica Balgobin, Marni Allyson and Alyssa Eaton, Emily Sims, and Jesse Goin

Team Description: The Red-Hot Rascals are here to entertain you with a uniquely blended cast of dancers, drag queens, flow artists, and more. Please sit back, relax, and allow us to take you on a sophisticated, yet whimsical journey through time. Step into our world.....

13. Ntxhais siab loj - Girls with Big Hearts



Performance: Asian Fusion Dance “Naiads of the River”

Artists: Nouchi Her, Linda Thao, Ahista Vue, Cinira Yang, and Veronica Yang

Length: 04:20 min

Team Description: Ntxhais

Saib Loj does a variety of traditional, contemporary and modern Asian dances, as they like to embrace their Asian culture. The group was created and has continued for almost 3 years now and they hope to make their last dance piece together before they graduate this coming school year.

14. KAIROS

Performance: Urban Dance Choreography, in respect of Korean Pop group NCT and dancer Carlos Skipper.

Artists: Kayli Bounsavath, Savahna Bounsavath, Kaleena Khang, and Kaitlyn Xiong.

Length: 02:30 min



Team Description: KAIROS is a k-pop dance group with all levels of experience who strive to unite as one whether onstage or off the stage. KAIROS mainly focuses on covering Korean Pop and

Japanese Pop choreography, as well as other Hip-Hop choreography. KAIROS always aims to have an entertaining performance, as well as have fun!

15. Step With Soul - Ministering with hands and Feet

Performance: Glorifying God through the Art of Stepping.

Artist: Shamar Brown, Mekhi Cobb, Caleb Johnson, Treveon Johnson, Kamren Saffold, Jaden Spears, Tre-Shawn Williams, and Isiah Wilson.

Choreographer: Sean Burns

Length: 7 min



Team Description: Step with Soul is a step ministry in which young people age 7-17 years old glorify god through the art of stepping. We have ministered throughout the Twin Cities and beyond, such as: Chicago, St Louis and Charlotte.

16. Zephonix



Performance: Urban Choreo

Artists: Maiyoua Her, Aeola Lu, Nancy Thor, Alexis Vang, Karen Yang, Lucy Yang, and Pather Yang

Length: 02:30 min

Team Description: Zephonix is an urban dance crew consisting of seven members. They are a group that strives for improvement from experience and hope to inspire those around them.

17. Fashion Show

Performance: Nature vs. City Scene

Designer: Ali Rich

Length: 5 min

Team Description: A series of Fashion design done by the talented young designer Ali Rich, featuring her soft renaissance style of fairies and city stiff felt sculpture costumes.

- a. **Asian Fairies:** Each of these costumes draws upon a different auspicious flower in Chinese culture—the peony, the cherry blossom, the narcissus, the orchid, and the chrysanthemum. The beautiful flower arrangements created for Chinese New Year served as inspiration for the overall palette.
- b. **Urban Sculpture Costume and Body Adornments:** Using different sizes of standardized felt patterns to piece into various designs, showcasing the cold and harsh -looking city fashion.
- c. **Warriors Fairies:** With strength and beauty in mind, these costumes aim to evoke both grace and warrior’s spirit. The costumes were designed with a more traditional fairy in mind, while still allowing freedom of movement. Although all are

c. different in color and design, together they are united as imagined defenders of Mother Earth.

18. Tay Phuong Lions

Performance: Traditional and Modern Lion Dance with four lions, and the music ensemble (drum, gong, and cymbals).

Artists: Brandon Cao, Catlynn Dang, Christina Dang, Cody Dang, Peter Dang, Vy Dang, Brian Duong, Hayden Garrard, Khoa Ha, Megan Huynh, Phillip Huynh, Binh Le Jr, Tiana Le, Trustin Le, Aeola Lu, Kevin Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Jenny Phung, Thien Tran, Vincent Tran, Allison Truong, Tia Truong, and Eric Vuong.

Length: 10 min.



Team Description: Lion dance is a traditional Chinese and Vietnamese dance that dates back many centuries. By mimicking the movements of a lion, this form is not only used to ward off bad spirits, but also bring good luck and fortune to those who feed the lions a lucky red envelope or money. The lions enjoy being interactive with the audience so don't be alarmed. You are welcomed to pet them or even get a photo!



Sponsors

Asian Media Access
Gangneung International Junior Art Festival
Minneapolis Foundation 612 Youth Program
Ordway's The Knight Foundation Cultural Opportunity Fund
Pan Asian Arts Alliance
Sundance Foundation
Target Foundation
The Laura Jan Musser Fund



For More Information

Pan Asian Arts Alliance
612-376-7715 (Phone)
612-376-7730 (Fax)
paaa@amamedia.org

