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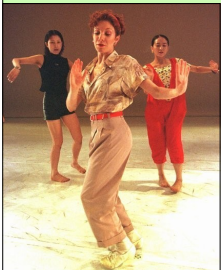
Director's Notes & Nuggets:

As the year winds down, I have a lot of "Deaths and Entrances" (the title of a dance by Martha Graham) to weave into my history. Most recently it was the death of



Glenn Conner

Glenn Conner, the Executive Director of Pomare Productions, and a great buddy in my effort to bring Pomare Plus to Dallas. And, before that, it was Mary Cochran. She had been a significant Paul Taylor Dance Company star, and the daughter of Jerry Bywaters Cochran.



Mary Cochran

Fortunately, there have been Jeremiah, the baby of proud parents at the South Dallas Cultural Center; and "DC", my "baby" brother's first grandchild. And in a different way, Martial Roumain is now leading Pomare Productions. Well, we go on. I am grateful. In this holiday season there are several traditions. Some will light the menorah, some will celebrate André's birthday, some will put up Christmas trees, some will light the kinara, and then January will be with us. We wish you love, light, and serenity.

Loris Anthony Beckles

Other Notes:

One day after rehearsal, I heard ... RoseMarie Sanders say she got her Acceptance Note to University of North Texas. By now, there are more acceptances. Gabrielle Brownlee told us she got a 96 on her Public Speaking test. Naia Banks would be going to Senegal, with a group from the South Dallas Cultural Center. Could I have been more excited than she was? We can't wait for her to share her experiences!

A masterpiece by Eleo Pomare, Las Desenamoras, was recently done by Alpha Omega Theatrical Dance Company, to very good reviews! We are looking forward to one of the stars of that company dancing with us in our Pomare Plus.

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Eleo Pomare (1937-2008)

Eleo Pomare was a Black Columbian-American choreographic genius, some of whose works were designated Classics of American Dance.

Loris danced with the Eleo Pomare Dance Company from 1977 to 1995, with gaps in between.

Mr. Pomare is a Guggenheim Fellow and the recipient of numerous other awards, including a John Hay Whitney Fellowship, the James Baldwin Award, and the Kennedy Center's Masters of African-American Choreography Award. He is an alumnus of the High School for the Performing Arts.



Eleo in Hushed Voices



*Eleo and Martial
Narcissus Rising*

He served for many years on the Executive Planning Committee of the International Association of Blacks in Dance. He was also on the Advisory Board of the American Dance Festival.

Upcoming Events

POMARE PLUS

Pomare Plus: works by Eleo Pomare and others,
will be presented at the

**South Dallas Cultural Center
on 20-21 April 2018**

Events at different locations will culminate in live performances, historical performances on videotape, talks, an exhibit, etc ... all during Dallas Arts Month and Dallas Jazz Appreciation Month!

Wish List:

- *Volunteer for Office Assistant
- *Wardrobe Person
- *Costume Bags
- *New Cash Box
- *Clicker (for metrics)

Thank you so much in advance!!

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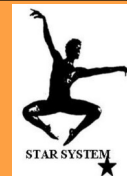
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