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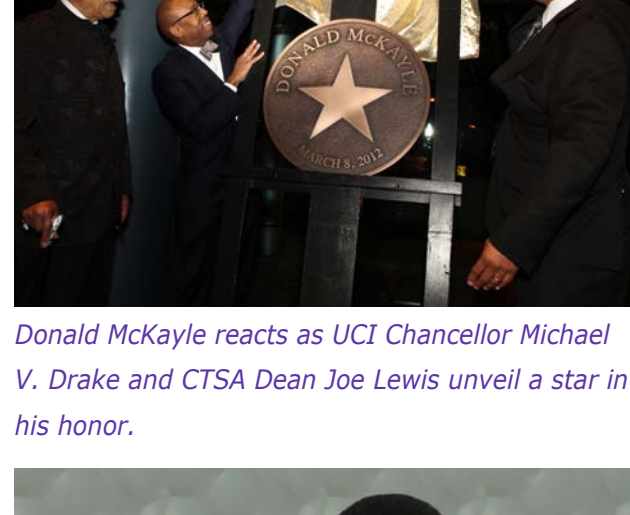
Debbie Allen  
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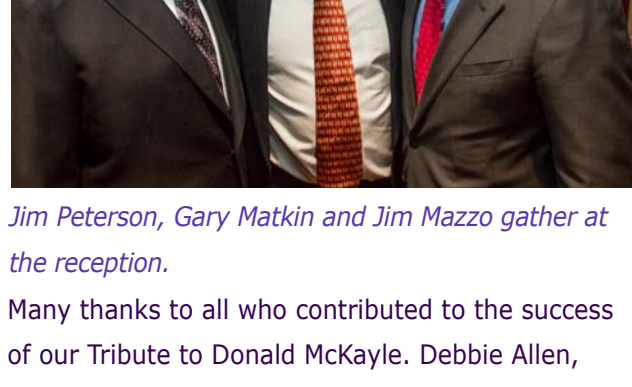
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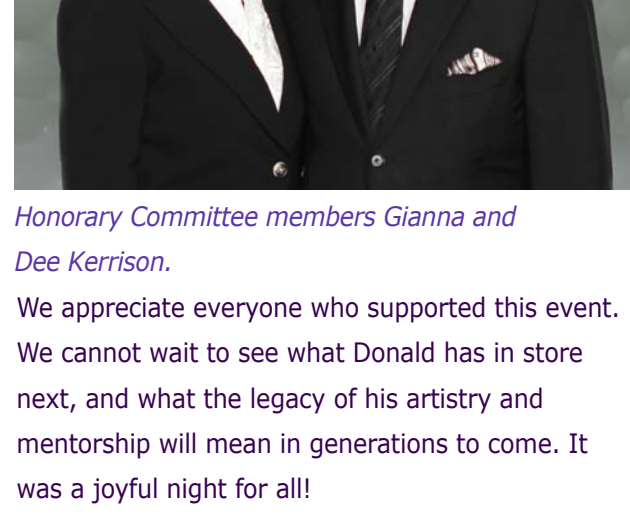
Donald McKayle arrives on the red carpet with (l to r) Dennis Nahat, Ballet San Jose; Lea Vivante McKayle; Elaine Finsilver and Gabrielle McKayle.



Donald McKayle reacts as UCI Chancellor Michael V. Drake and CTSA Dean Joe Lewis unveil a star in his honor.



Jim Peterson, Gary Matkin and Jim Mazzo gather at the reception.

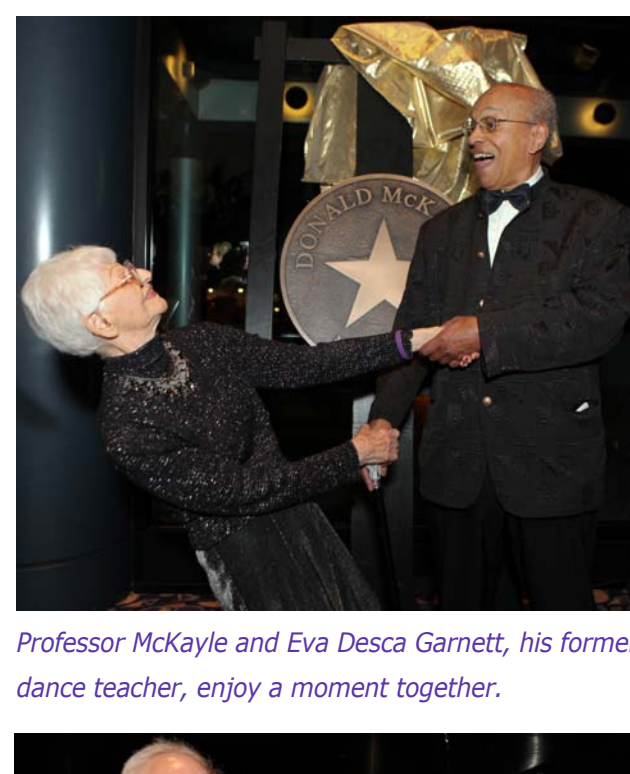


Honorary Committee members Gianna and Dee Kerrison.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of our Tribute to Donald McKayle. Debbie Allen, Della Reese, Chancellor & Mrs. Michael Drake and dancers from the nation's most revered companies joined Dean Joe Lewis to celebrate Professor McKayle. We are honored to have this respected dancer, choreographer, teacher and mentor as part of our CTSA family.



Dancer/actress Debbie Allen opens the Tribute.



Professor McKayle and Eva Desca Garnett, his former dance teacher, enjoy a moment together.

We were able to raise more than \$100,000 to start the Donald McKayle Fund for Modern Dance, thanks to the generosity of our major sponsors Sheila and James Peterson (Microsemi), Elizabeth and Tom Tierney, Irvine Barclay Theatre, Joan and Don Beall, Yvonne and Damien Jordan, and Gianna and Dee Kerrison. Also helping us were in-kind sponsors Britta's Café, California African American Museum, Dr. Francisco J. Ayala and Phillips Distilling Company.



Honorary Committee member Tom Tierney and wife Elizabeth with Lisa and Bruce Hughes.



Actors and drama alums Windell Middlebrooks (Body of Proof) and Angel Laketa Moore.

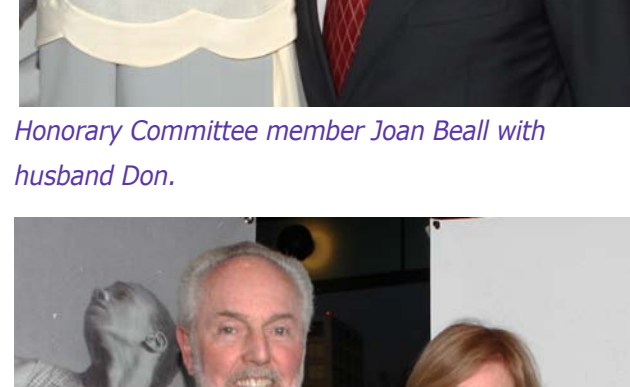


Honorary Committee member Joan Beall with husband Don.

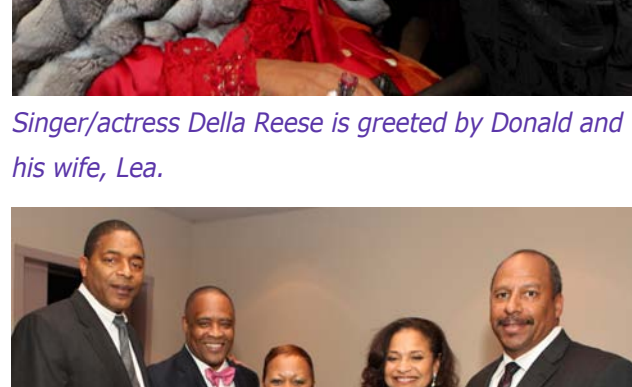
We are also extremely grateful to Honorary Committee Chair Gianna Keri-Kerrison, whose active leadership role was instrumental in bringing this wonderful vision to life, and to University Advancement's Carolyn Canning-White, Laura Salerno, Amanda Sivgals and Mitch Spann for their support and energy. Of course we could not have done it without the efforts of our production staff: Director of Space Planning & Facilities Toby Weiner, Production Manager Keith Bangs, Lighting Designer Karyn Lawrence, and Stage Manager Michael Vitale.



Singer/actress Della Reese is greeted by Donald and his wife, Lea.



Honorary Committee member Victoria Collins with husband David.



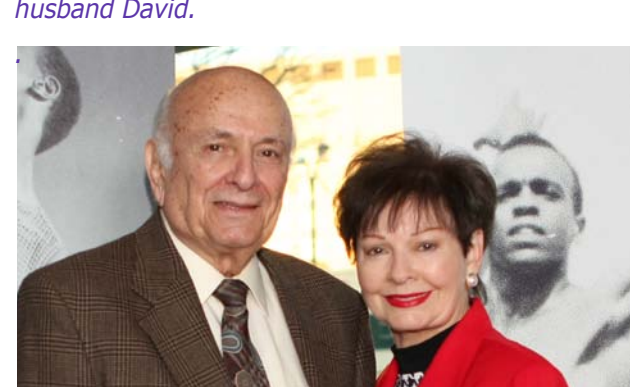
Basketball great Norm Nixon, Rev. Mark and Rev. Mia Whitlock, Debbie Allen and Thomas Parham, Assoc. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.



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Richard Stein, executive director of ArtsOC, attorney Jonathan Pink and wife Andrea Sloan Pink.



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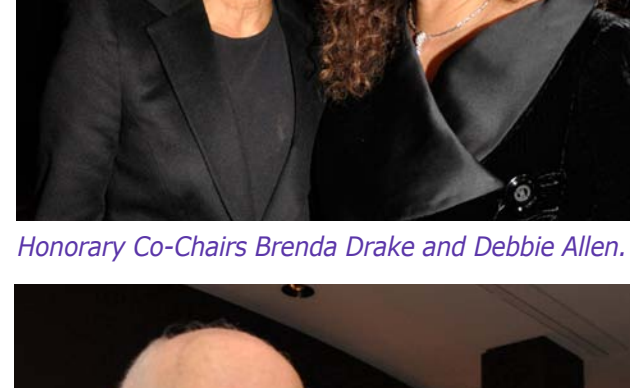
Sylvia Turner, dean of fine and performing arts division at Santa Ana College.



Honorary Committee member (and jazzman) Jerry Mandel with wife Whitney.



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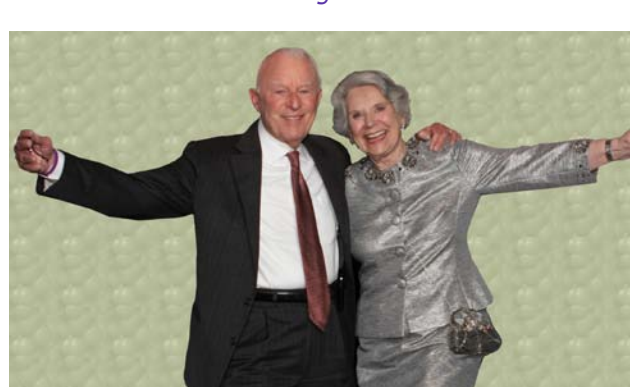
Rita Marks; Doug Rankin, president of the Irvine Barclay Theatre; and James Penrod, professor emeritus of dance at Claire Trevor School of the Arts.



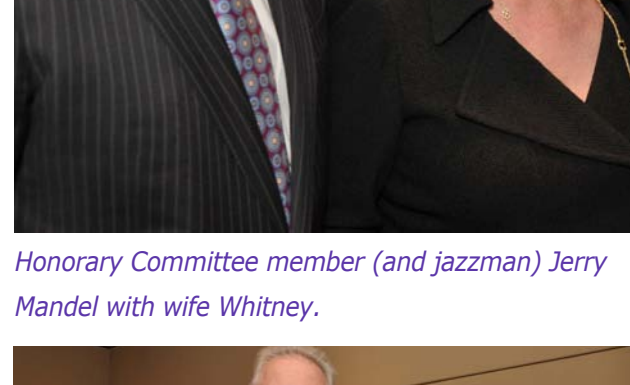
Sandy Segerstrom-Daniels, managing partner of C.J. Segerstrom & Sons; Ed Arnold, news anchor at SoCal PBS; and Jill Bolton, director of community relations for Disneyland Resort.



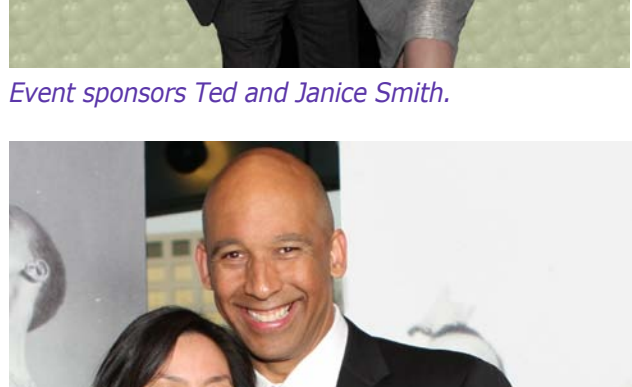
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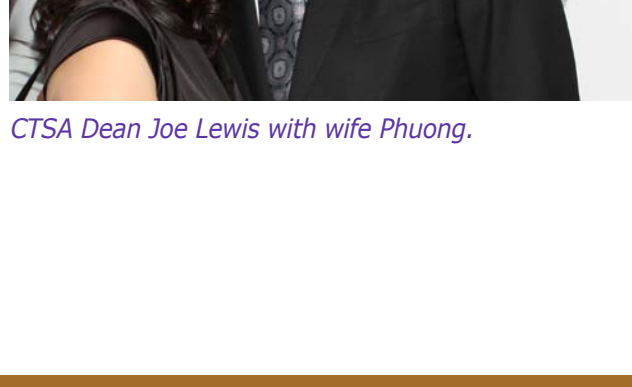
CTSA Dean Joe Lewis with wife Phuong.



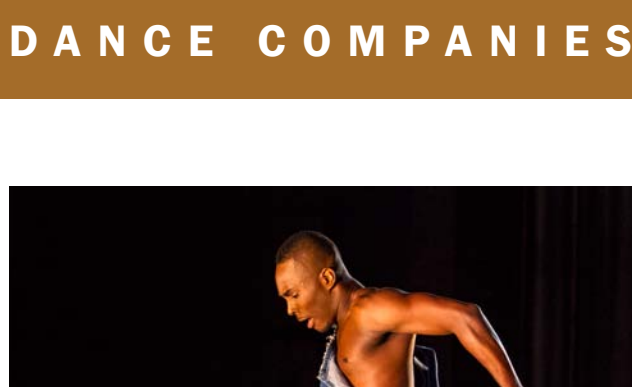
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Special thanks to Stephanie Powell (above), who as a dancer the night of the event, but also acted as Artistic Director and was responsible for recruiting the wonderful array of dance companies we were fortunate enough to enjoy that night: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Debbie Allen Dance Academy, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, The Wooden Floor, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, Philadanco, Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater, UCI Etude Ensemble, UCI Jazz Ensemble, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, JazzAntiqua Dance and Music Ensemble, Dance Theatre of Harlem, and Lula Washington Dance Theatre.



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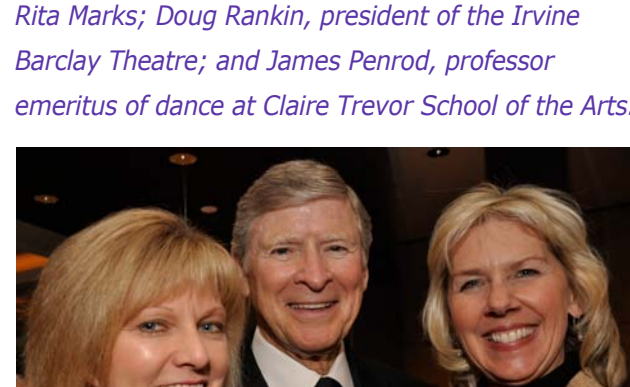
Renee Robinson and Matthew Rushing of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater perform.



Tommy-Waheed Evans and Lindsey Holmes, dancers of Philadanco, performing.



Michael Battle from Lula Washington Dance Theatre performs.



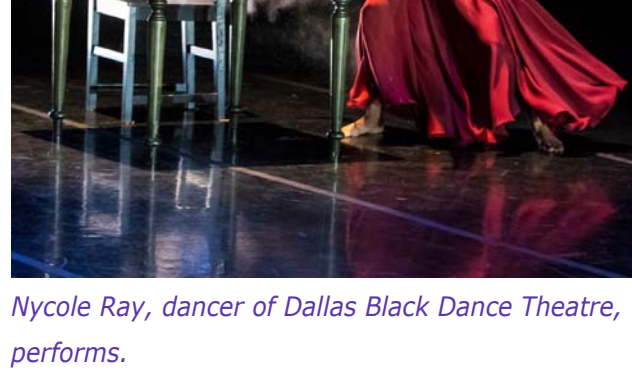
Marissa Brown, dancer of the UCI Etude Ensemble, performs.



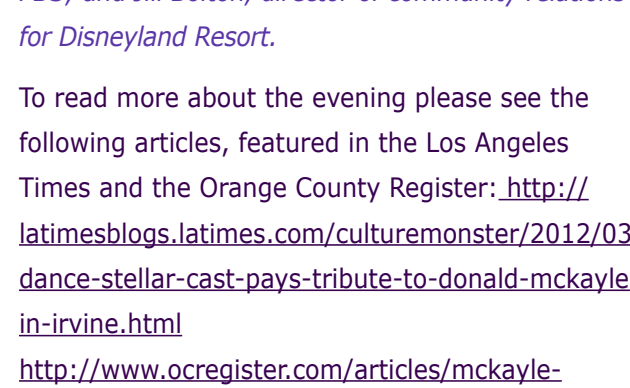
Nycole Ray, dancer of Dallas Black Dance Theatre, performs.



Fredrick Davis and Lourdes Rodriguez, dancers of Dance Theatre of Harlem, perform.

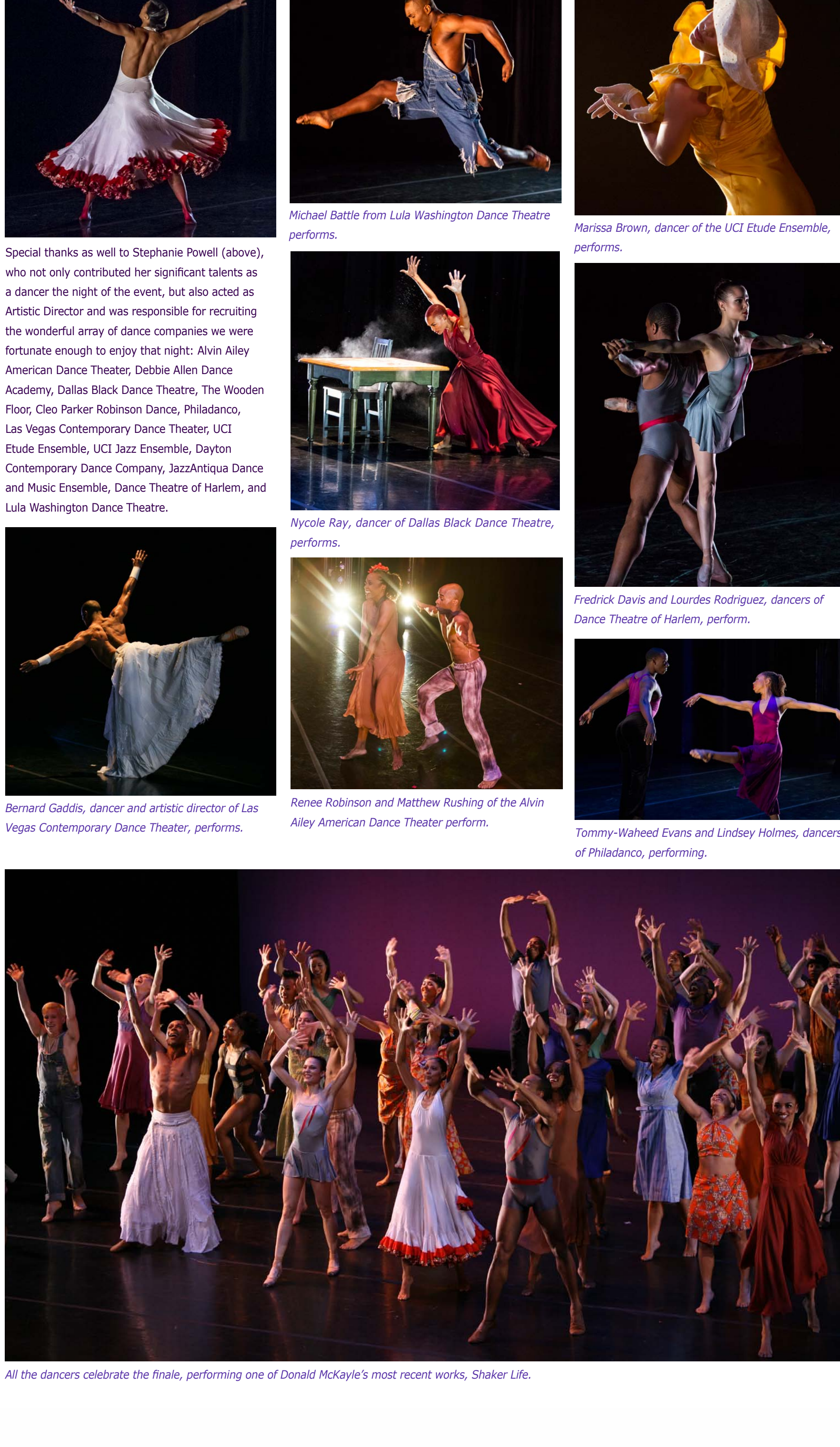


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All the dancers celebrate the finale, performing one of Donald McKayle's most recent works, Shaker Life.