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# AUDITIONS

Perform in the DC Premiere of David Rousseve's *Love Songs*

WHEN: Tuesday, September 22, 1998 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: GW's Lisner Auditorium  
21st & H Streets, N.W.

(Please enter through the stage door on H St between 21st & 22nd St, N.W.)

*Love Songs* is David Rousseve's exploration of timeless notions of love - a theatrical portrayal of the term "bittersweet" that juxtaposes the unabashed romanticism and triumphs of love stories with the harshness of everyday reality. Using lush, romantic music of composers such as Puccini, Chopin, and Wagner and love stories from differing eras and cultures, *Love Songs* follows the lives of two enslaved Africans in the United States and stories from contemporary life. Ultimately, *Love Songs* will be a dialogue on hope that centers on the loss of - and quest to return - love, compassion, and spirituality to contemporary urban society. *Love Songs* is performed by David Rousseve/Reality and a D.C.-based cast of twenty area performers and non-performers. One of the most acclaimed dance-theater director and choreographers to emerge this decade, David Rousseve founded Reality in 1988 to perform his unique blend of dance-theater which fuses African American traditional and popular culture with postmodern dance and performance art. "Part of my company's artistic agenda is to create a dialogue with as many communities as possible, both on and off stage, by using African American culture to speak on universal issues of the heart," explains Rousseve. Individual company members are distinguished by a wide range of backgrounds, from hip hop to modern, to African, to ballet. It is a company that ultimately finds humanism lies in pluralism rather than homogeneity.

David Rousseve Reality is looking for:

- Twenty (20) male and female community members. All ages and races, both non-performers and performers
- One African American woman, aged 20-35 for non-speaking featured role
- One African American child, aged 8-13 for non-speaking featured role
- Featured roles required prior on-stage experience

ATTENDANCE AT ALL REHEARSAL OUTLINED BELOW ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL SELECTED PERFORMERS:

Tuesday, Oct 6, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct 7, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct 9, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 10, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 11, 2:00 p.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 13, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct 14, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct 15, dress rehearsal in the evening - time TBA

Friday, Oct 16, 1 p.m.-day of show dress rehearsal & first evening performance

Saturday, Oct 17 - second evening performance

Please note: *Love Songs* includes brief artistic nudity for Reality company members, NOT local performers, and contains mature themes. Performers will be offered a small honorarium and one pair of complimentary tickets to the performance.

For more information, call Kim Chan at 202-833-9800 ext 122 or e-mail ChinaChola@aol.com.