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Kenyetta Dance Company to Explore African-American Traditions

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The Kenyettá Dance Company will perform in the Doudna Fine Arts Center as part of African American Heritage Month activities at Eastern Illinois University.

The performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in The Theatre.

Celebrated for its powerful stage presence and high energy, Indianapolis' Kenyettá Dance Company has been hailed as an amazing and essential force in the local and regional dance scene.

Siblings Vanessa Owens and Nicholas Owens founded the Kenyettá Dance Company in 2004.

"We celebrate the teaching, composition and performance of dance," the group's materials explain.

"We weave contemporary dance and music with the history, culture and traditions of African-Americans and the African diaspora."

At EIU, the 14-member Kenyettá Dance Company will present "Power," consisting of all new works created by guest choreographers Nicole Clarke-Springer and Ronne Stone.

Tickets -- \$10 for the general public; \$7 for EIU employees and senior citizens; \$5 for students -- may be purchased in person at the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office, by telephone at 217-581-3110, or online at <http://www.eiu.edu/doudna>.

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