

MEDIA ALERT

The Wallis to Live Stream *Freeze Frame* Gala Performance and "Architects of Change Live" Panel on Thurs., Feb. 4, 2016

Debbie Allen, Maria Shriver, Nicole Hockley, Marcus McAllister and Bernard Parks to Participate in *Violence in America* Panel Conversation

WHAT:

A special livestream of **Debbie Allen's Freeze Frame** benefit gala performance, followed by an onstage **Architects of Change Live** panel conversation on violence in America hosted and presented by **Maria Shriver** and Allen as part of Shriver's ongoing <u>Architects of Change Live: The Conversation Series</u>, aimed at opening hearts and minds to affect positive impact in the world, to be broadcasted from the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. The panel will also include **Nicole Hockley**, Founder and Managing Director of <u>Sandy Hook Promise</u>, **Marcus McAllister**, National Trainer for <u>Cure Violence</u>, and former Los Angeles Police Department Chief **Bernard Parks**.

WHEN:

Promptly beginning on <u>Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m. PST.</u> A special one-night only viewing of the livestreamed performance of *Freeze Frame* begins at 6:30 p.m. PST, immediately followed by an onstage *Architects of Change* panel discussion on violence in America. The panel discussion will be archived at <u>TheWallis.org</u> and available for future viewings after the Feb. 4 livestream.

REGISTER:

To view the live stream, register at TheWallis.org/Live-FF.

ABOUT:

The passion and pain of *Freeze Frame* will burst onto the stage in a fusion of dance, music, film and theater for four performances only on February 5 – 7 at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. Written, directed and choreographed by three-time Emmy Award-winner Debbie Allen, *Freeze Frame* takes audiences on a rollercoaster ride through some of LA's toughest streets where gangs, poverty, violence, and drugs are an everyday reality. With original music by Stevie Wonder, James Ingram, Ricky Minor, Arturo Sandoval and Thump, *Freeze Frame* is a dance-driven narrative that will reframe the conversation

about violence in America. For more information, please visit:

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Join the conversation on Twitter by using hashtags **#FreezeFrameLA** and **#ArchitectsOfChange**, and follow The Wallis at <u>@TheWallisBH</u>, Debbie Allen at <u>@MsDebbieAllen</u>, and Maria Shriver at <u>@MariaShriver</u>.

To experience *Freeze Frame* live at The Wallis, tickets for the Feb 5-7 public performances are available for purchase as singles starting at \$39 or as a package series beginning at \$117. For complete information, visit TheWallis.org or call 310.746.4000.

Gala Benefit tickets are available for purchase starting at \$500. All Gala proceeds to benefit the Debbie Allen Dance Academy and Arts Education for the young people of the Greater Los Angeles area and America. For more information, please call 310.202.1711.

For downloadable photos, please visit <u>TheWallis.org/Press</u>.

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