"Black Voices Boston" showcases personal experiences through storytelling and movement

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When Rafael Palacios, artistic director of Sankofa Danzafro, heard the Celebrity Series of Boston wanted to commission a project for the 2020-21 season, he was thrilled about the idea of collaborating with the Celebrity Series, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Celebrity Series of Boston.

The virtual performance will feature short dance works created by Rafael Palacios, Sankofa Danzafro's artistic director, based on the personal stories of seven creatives representing Boston area Black communities.

The virtual performance will premiere on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. The free online event is a collaboration between Afro-Colombian dance company Sankofa Danzafro, the Celebrity Series of Boston, the New Repertory Theatre in Watertown as part of the project.

"Black Voices Boston: Our Stories in Words and Movement" makes its world premiere on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. The free online event is a collaboration between Afro-Colombian dance company Sankofa Danzafro, the Celebrity Series of Boston, the New Repertory Theatre in Watertown as part of the project.

Palacios is thrilled about the idea of collaborating with the Celebrity Series, which ultimately selected seven participants to work individually with the rest of the world. This is extremely significant for us," wrote Palacios in an email. "That other communities show interest in an idea that was born here, and this can unite and replicate in other communities," wrote Palacios in an email. "That other communities show interest in an idea that was born here, and this can unite and replicate in other communities."