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As part of a performance project called “Black Voices Boston,” professional dancers: The performers include a cellular immunologist and retired university professor, Cherié Butts, a cellular immunologist and retired university professor, and medical director at Biogen, is one of the winning artists. Butts’ work explores Afro-traditional, contemporary, and urban dance styles. Trying to keep his company moving and motivated, Palacios got his dancers to create, perform, and videotape original pieces telling their own stories — their fears and hopes, challenges and triumphs.

Through “Black Voices Boston,” seven residues, ages 17 to 85, tell their own stories.

“Sankofa means “to return to the root,” and the nature for people with debilitating conditions, she often finds herself the only Black woman in the room. She’s nicknamed for that rarest of creatures — Unicorn. “As nice as it is to be the first and only, it’s very isolating,” she says. “I want my community to be more open to the idea of a scientist coming up. People of African descent share a commonality that resonates universally. We all contribute, that interconnectedness, is what advances humanity,” she says. She’s especially excited that the finished project may show that “… we are all connected even through race. We all have a story to tell,” recalled Dunning. He says the seven participants chosen reflect a range of ages and backgrounds, and have both distinctive differences and surprising similarities, highlighting the commonalities that resonate universally.

Baker says record-setting number of COVID-19 cases but racial injustice, economic inequality, and heightened political tension. Dozens of Bostonians applied, submitting letters that recounted a range of experiences, from childhood trauma and poverty to racial profiling and marginalization.

Tough times: A landmark Boston hotel is sold at a loss. Trump campaign's star witness in Michigan was deemed 'not credible.' Then, her loud testimony went next to Boston Children's Museum. Jupiter, Saturn will look like a double planet in rare weekend's storm and what we don't see.