

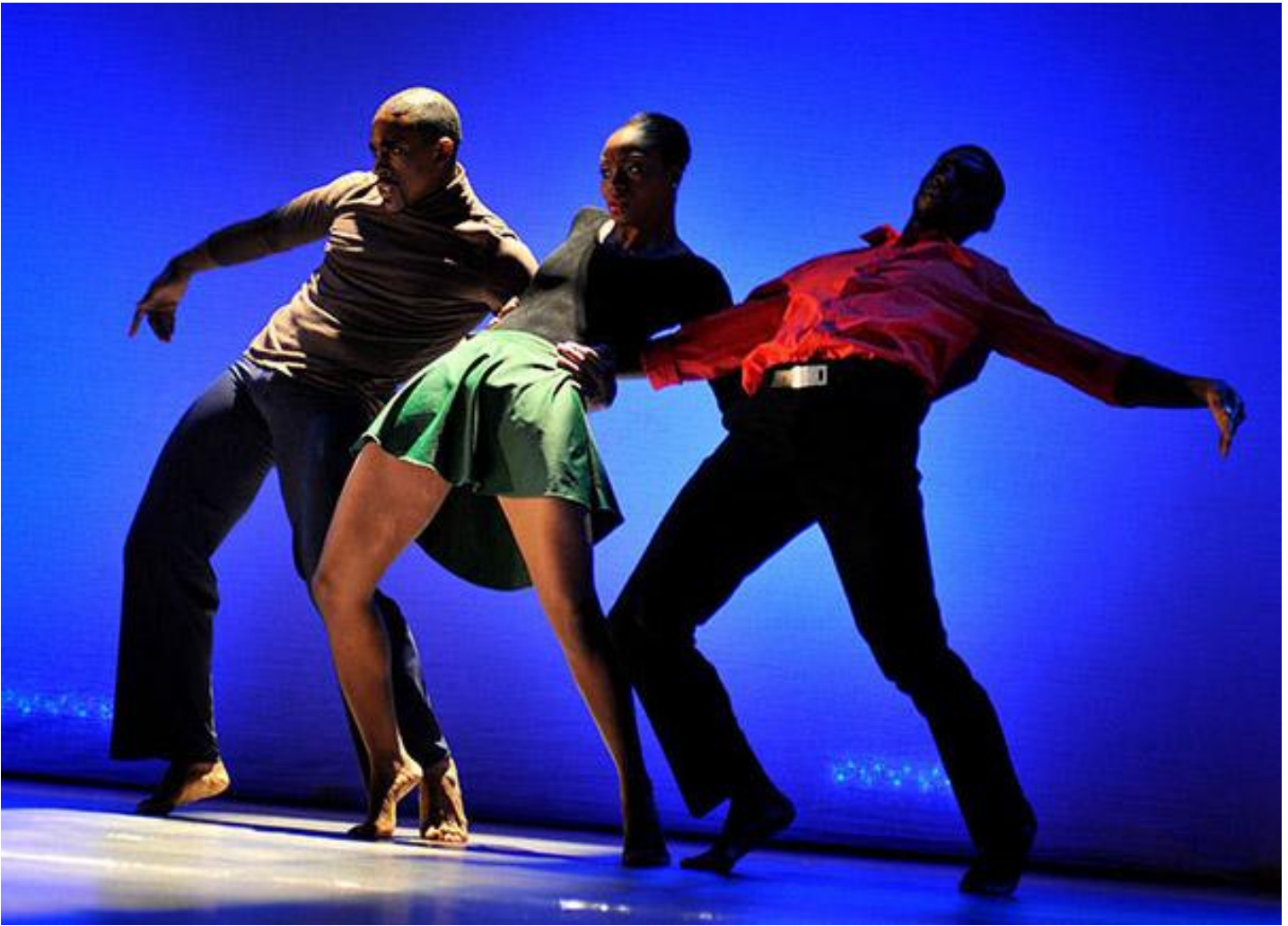
# Lula Washington Dance Theatre

## International Touring



Lula Washington Dance Theatre company members and crew pose on stage in one of the many Theatres where it performed across Russia. The company danced in 18 Russian cities during a six-week tour in Fall 2010 – filling houses everywhere and winning new fans who loved Lula Washington’s unique style of dance. The Russian tour was so successful that Lula has been invited back. A new tour is scheduled for March 6, to April 6, 2012. The photos were all taken in Russia during performances.





In addition touring in Russia, the Lula Washington Dance Theatre has toured previously in Guadalajara, Kosovo, Germany, Spain and Mexico City. In 2011, the dance company did a month-long State Department tour in Central China, followed by a tour to Manaus, Brazil. Lula brings audiences a personal style of dance that is original and moving.





## ***Lula in China & Brazil***

*The six-week Russian tour in 2010 was followed by a month-long tour in Central China in May / June 2011. Lula Washington Dance Theatre performed for some 35,000 people during its China tour . Audiences were mesmerized and Lula Washington became a Chinese icon.*

*Lula Washington's "Global Village" celebrated global harmony and cultural diversity. In the photo to the left, dancer Haniyyah Tahira performs in Global Village. The work blends ballet and modern dance with elements of Chinese movement with Native American dance; African dance; hip hop; Brazilian; Russian; and African-American jazz dance.*

*Rennie Harris created "Reign" for Lula Washington Dance Theatre's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010.*

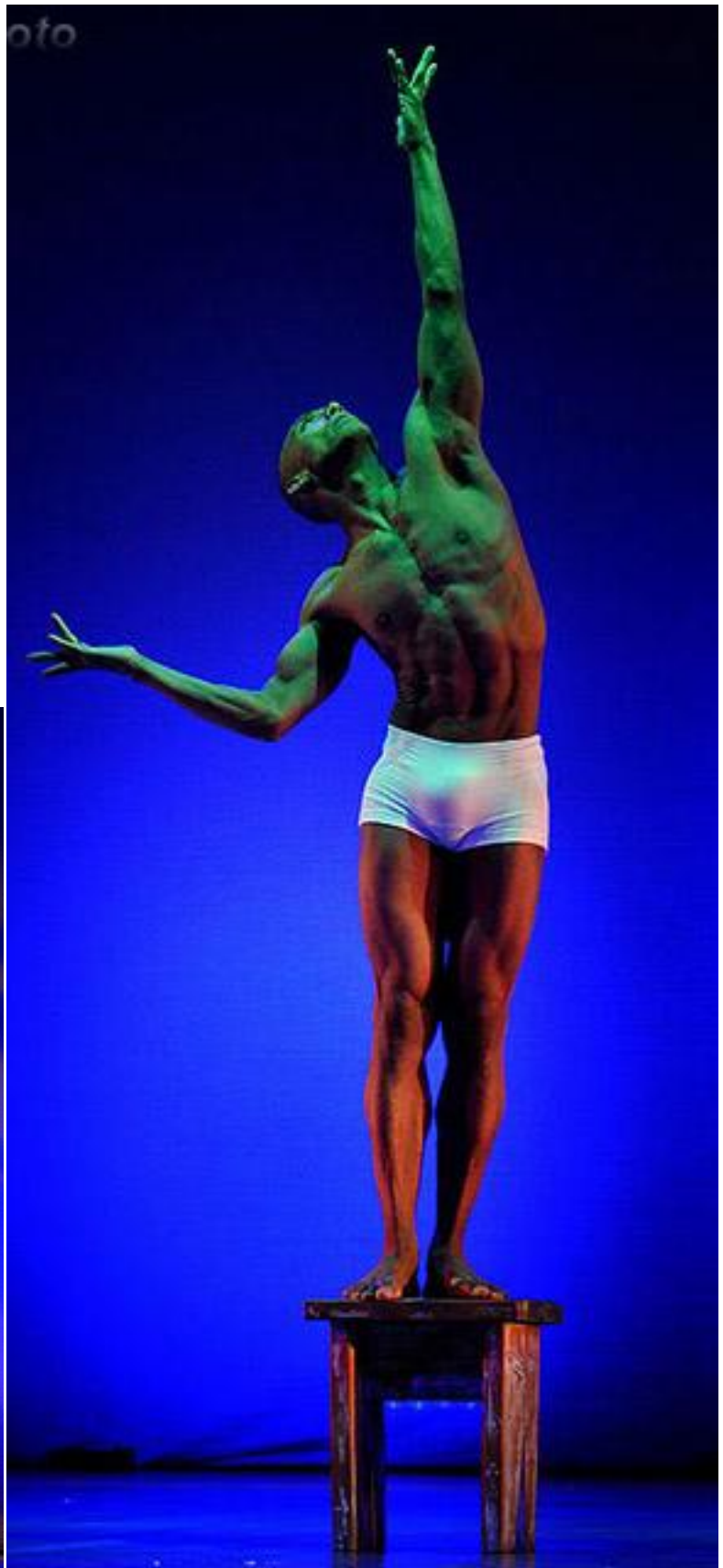
*Lula toured "Reign" in China where its high energy "House" dancing proved to be totally unknown but thoroughly enchanting to the Chinese. It Rocked China.*

*Cultural exchange was a big part of Lula Washington Dance Theatre's tour in China. Here, the male dancers from America joined with the Chinese to perform the work of a Chinese choreographer during a festival in Zhengzhou. Lula Washington's women dancers learned other dances from their Chinese hosts and performed them in front of a crowd of 2,500 people.*

***Following the China tour, Lula Washington danced in August, 2011 in Manaus, Brazil at the Manaus Opera House as part of the Amazonas Dance Festival. It was received even more warmly than in Russia and China. The Brazilians are petitioning their government to bring Lula back right away!***

*Scenes of Lula Washington's "The Healers" during performances in Stavropol, Russia.*

*Dancer Ramon Thielen performs a solo within the work filled with passion and intense emotion.*





Lula Washington's dance set to Michael Jackson's "What About Us?" was highly regarded in Russia, as was Christopher Huggins' "Love Is..." (shown in photo below).

