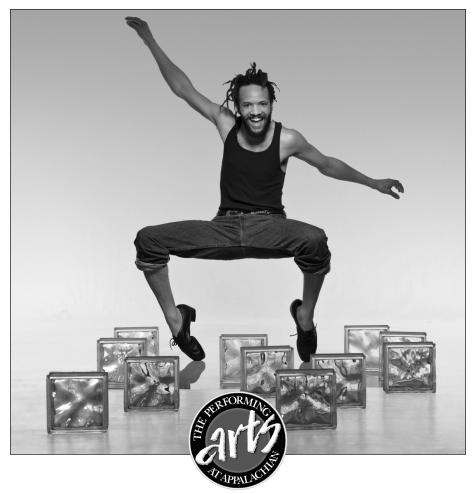
# Savion Glover's STePz

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Savion Glover
with
Marshall Davis Jr.
&
3CW

(3 Controversial Women)

Robyn Watson, Ayodele Casel, Sarah Savelli

Directed and Choreographed by Savion Glover

Improvography by
Gregory Hines and Jimmy Slyde

Lighting Design by The Drew DeCorleto

Produced by The HooFeRzCLuB

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### Who's STePz

**Savion Glover** (*hoofer*, *father*, *husband*)
Praise Almighty God. Please enjoy the evening. Chaney, I love you.

Marshall Davis Jr. (hoofer) was born in Miami Beach, Florida. He began tap dancing at the age of 10 at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center. By the age of 11, he was a finalist in the Philip Michael Thomas Rising Star Competition and was the 1989 Florida winner for the Tri-Star Pictures Tap Day contest, a promotion for the movie "Tap" starring Gregory Hines and Sammy Davis, Jr. At age 13, he won the coveted 1991 Star Search Teen Dance Champion. Davis has performed in Europe, Japan and throughout the United States and is most influenced by his mentor, the late Steve Condos of the "Condos Brothers." He performed in the Tony award-winning Broadway and touring production of Bring in Da' Noise Bring in Da' Funk. Prior to Noise/Funk he performed at the Guthrie Theater in the musical Babes in Arms directed by Garland Wright. Named "Most Unusual Dance Soloist" by The Miami Herald for his rendition of the Morton Gould Tap Concerto, the adjunct professor at Queens College is also the recipient of Isaac Hayes' "Breaking the Barrier" award for his achievements at such an early age.

**Ayodele Casel** (*3CW*) is a native New Yorker and began her professional training at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and is a graduate of The William Esper Studio in NYC. Her work has been commissioned by Aaron Davis Hall/Harlem Stage, Playhouse Square and the Apollo's Salon Series. Casel has had the pleasure of working with the greatest tap dancers and companies including the late great Gregory Hines, Jazz Tap Ensemble, American Tap Dance Orchestra and Savion Glover, in his company N.Y.O.T.s. (Not Your Ordinary Tappers). She has an unwavering commitment to tap dance education and teaches regularly in the U.S. She'd like to express her deepest gratitude to God for each day, this art form, her family and friends and to Savion for this opportunity and for sharing his vision and genius with the world. www.ayodelecasel.com

**Robyn Watson** (*3CW*) was introduced to dance at five, fell in love with it at eight and the falling hasn't stopped. Thank you Lord for this precious gift: the dance. The best dancin' indeed is tap dancin!

**Sarah Savelli** (3CW) credits her exceptional mother, Dianne, for her love of dance and early training. She served as Artistic Director/Choreographer for Rhythm ISS, an all-female, Chicago-based tap company she co-founded in 1995, and was featured in the PBS documentary *Juba! The Masters of Tap and Percussive Dance*. She was commissioned three times to create, choreograph and present her original work, *Tap in2 Peace*, by PlayhouseSquare in Cleveland,

and is currently the director of three tap crews, located in Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago. She is thrilled to be tap dancing in this most excellent show and is grateful to Savion, her family and daughter, Sophia and to all others (ethereal and otherwise) whose faith and support have made it possible.

Mr. Glover wishes to dedicate all performances of STePz to the memory of Jimmy Slyde, Gregory Hines, Steve Condos, Lon Chaney, Henry LeTang, Buster Brown, George Hillman, Sir Slide Mitchell, Bernard Manners, Lavaughn Robinson, Eddie Brown, Chuck Green, Sammy Davis Jr, Ralph Brown, Charles "Honi" Coles, Chance Taylor, Andy McCloud, Brian Grice, George Duke, and John Coltrane, some of the greatest entertaining hooferz and musicians to date.

# Staff and Team for Savion Glover's STePz

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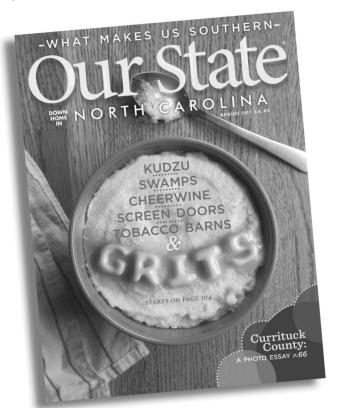
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