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ABRE CAMINO

30 YEARS OF SEGUNDA QUIMBAMBA

AN EXHIBITION CELEBRATING AFRO PUERTO RICAN DRUMMING & DANCE TRADITIONS AND ARCHIVING ACHIEVEMENT

ON VIEW OCTOBER 15TH 2023 – DECEMBER 2ND 2023



Bomba Dancer
Ricardo Torres

(Guttenberg NJ) Guttenberg Arts and MUYU is honored to announce the upcoming exhibition, “ABRE CAMINO: 30 Years of Segunda Quimbamba” at Guttenberg Arts. Segunda Quimbamba Folkloric Center is a vibrant cultural institution and ensemble dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Bomba & Plena music and dance traditions. This remarkable exhibition marks not only three decades of Segunda Quimbamba’s commitment to Puerto Rican heritage but also the culmination of a significant achievement.

This year, **Segunda Quimbamba** was awarded a prestigious archiving and preservation fellowship, one of only four granted nationwide by Dance/USA. Over the summer, they embarked on a profound journey of recollection and reflection through the Dance/USA 2023 Archiving and Preservation Fellows Program. Archiving fellow **Abdiel Jacobsen**, an accomplished dancer, performer, and researcher who focuses on the development of the New York Latin Hustle partner dance form, and their archivist mentor, **Yesenia Lopez**, Director of NJ Hispanic Research & Information Center of the Newark Public Library played a pivotal role in preserving Segunda Quimbamba’s legacy and making this remembrance possible.

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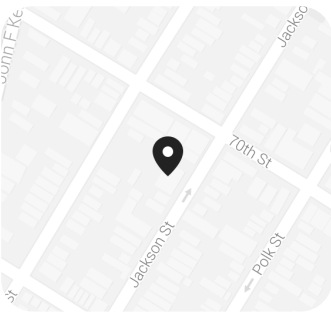
The opening reception will take place on October 15th, 2023, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Guttenberg Arts, located at 6903 Jackson St, Guttenberg, NJ 07093. This event marks the beginning of a two-month showcase of Segunda Quimbamba’s remarkable legacy.

“Abre Camino,” which translates to “Road Opener,” symbolizes the group’s commitment to breaking new ground in preserving and promoting Bomba & Plena drumming and dancing traditions in New Jersey. Segunda Quimbamba has been a cornerstone of the community for three decades, offering captivating performances, educational workshops, and a deep connection to heritage.

The closing reception will be held on December 2nd, 2023, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the same location, providing a final opportunity for visitors to immerse themselves in the group’s history and artistic achievements. The “Abre Camino” exhibition will showcase a diverse range of artworks including work by **Rafael** and **Ricardo Torres**, performances, markets and archival materials that reflect Segunda Quimbamba’s influence in Jersey City and beyond. It will be a unique opportunity to experience the beauty and resistance of Bomba & Plena.

About MUYU: MUYU is a cultural incubator located in Jersey City, dedicated to empowering low-income creatives. They foster connections and nurture an expanding definition of creative expression by organizing community markets, facilitating skill-sharing initiatives, and curating exhibitions that celebrate the richness of underrepresented stories and histories. Their long-term vision includes acquiring land to reopen their community center and urban farm, serving as a direct response to displacement and colonial violence.

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