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KST Presents Let's Move! Family Dance Party and Second Session of The Alloy School

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Put on your dancing shoes and bring your family to join the fun at Kelly Strayhorn Theater's second **Let's Move! Family Dance Party**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 at Kelly Strayhorn Theater. Perfect for toddlers and families, the event features kid-friendly music spun by our guest, DJ Selecta from 720 Records. As one of KST's four signature FAMILYtime events, this all-ages dance party is Pay-What-You-Can at the door.

Now in its second year, Let's Move! Family Dance Party is partnering with Phipps Conservatory's **Let's Move! Pittsburgh**, a program inspired by Michelle Obama's national campaign to raise awareness about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

The dance party is a festive day full of music, dancing, and craft activities that empower families to live healthier by eating right and being active. Soundwaves Steelband, KST's youth steelpan ensemble, will be on hand to deliver a performance of soothing sounds, and families can create their own exciting memories with a free DIY photobooth (bring your camera phone!).

"Let's Move! shows families that a healthy lifestyle can be easy and fun. Dancing is great form of exercise and gets the whole family involved," says Janera Solomon, executive director of KST.

In addition to Phipps, KST is excited to partner with 720 Records Music Clothing and Café, and the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. **Juice Up 412**, East Liberty's neighborhood juice bar (located just two blocks away from KST at The Livermore), also joins in the fun, sharing the benefits of juicing and providing free samples. Each family that attends also receives a special Let's Move! swag bag full of goodies and exclusive KST perks.

D.S. Kinsel emcees the party, roaming through the crowd to get everyone moving on the dance floor. Families can take a break from dancing and stop by the craft corner to get creative with fun art activities.

The same day, **The Alloy School** kicks off its second cycle of spring classes from 9 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. at KST's Alloy Studios. Located at 5530 Penn Avenue, The Alloy School offers fun, welcoming, non-competitive dance classes like Pre-Ballet and Contemporary Moves for children ages 18 months to 12 years old.

Families are encouraged to stop by The Alloy School to explore classes and meet our instructors, and then join the dance party down the street at Kelly Strayhorn Theater.



“We are so thrilled that The Alloy School has been such a success this session” says Candace L. Feldman, Producer for KST Family programming. “In addition to having a variety of fun dance classes for our younger children, this next round has grown to serve the whole family. I invite all of our friends and families to check in frequently on our events and classes because there is always something for somebody at KST!”

The Alloy School offers Zumba and Family Moves, two new all-ages group classes for families to enjoy together. The 45-minute classes meet each Saturday and are just \$5 per class. Students are encouraged to register for the full 6 weeks. Registration for The Alloy School’s second session is currently open online at kelly-strayhorn.org.

About the Kelly Strayhorn Theater

As the last of nine theaters from the 1950s heyday of East Liberty, the Kelly Strayhorn Theater uses the arts as a catalyst for continuing community revitalization. The theater, in its 12th season, continues to play a key role in the transformation of Pittsburgh’s East Liberty neighborhood. An intimate, professional equipped, 349-seat multiple-use performance venue, the theater demonstrates its commitment to Pittsburgh artists and audiences. The KST is a favorite venue of emerging local artists, regional artists and arts organizations who take risks and present new work. Noted Pittsburghers Gene Kelly and Billy Strayhorn, the namesakes, are among the 80 area artists honored on the theater’s Gallery of Stars. The building, opening in 1914, is the former Regent Theatre, which served the East End as a movie house for eight decades.

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