

***Dehkontee Artists Theatre's Call for Financial and In-Kind Sponsorship to Mount Its Literacy and Cultural Awareness and Peace Education Campaign!***



**What Is Dehkontee Artists Theatre and Its Function in the American Society?**

Dehkontee Artists Theatre, Inc. (abbreviated as DATI) is a Bowie-based 501 ©(3) non-profit cultural and educational organization that specifically focuses on African history, traditions, entertainment. Its motto is to “Educate and Entertain through Cultural Awareness”! You can read more about DATI on our official website: [www.dehkonteeartists theatreinc.com](http://www.dehkonteeartists theatreinc.com). Donations made to DATI are tax deductible and there are several ways one can make a donation online or in person through:

1. DATI’s Wells Fargo Corporate Checking Account #: **3931972677**;
2. Online at: [www.dehkonteeartists theatreinc.com](http://www.dehkonteeartists theatreinc.com) and click on the “Donate” button to make a deposit in our Wells Fargo Corporate Checking Account #: **3931972677**
3. Online at: [www.dehkonteeartists theatreinc.com](http://www.dehkonteeartists theatreinc.com) through our **PayPal Account by clicking on the PayPal button.**

**Your Donations Will Be Put to Good Use**

Your donations will be put to good use to carry out an all year round research-based and results-driven Afrocentric literacy, peace education, and performing and visual arts program designed for children and their families, and the general public. Our areas of specialty include: Drama, Reading, Writing, Speech, Actors training, lessons on traditional African fireside storytelling, history and cultural beliefs, and providing participants with basic experience in public performances. We may provide these services to our targeted audience at no cost if you partner with us and generously donate to a worthy cause. Also, there is a summer component designed to actively engage children in worthwhile literary and cultural pursuits while they are out of school during the summer months, to help expand their knowledge and improve their individual skills in writing, reading, speech, and other innate artistic qualities they may possess.



### **How Your Donations Will Be Used!**

Donations made to the DATI Afrocentric Literacy and Cultural Awareness Campaign will be used to cover the following expenses and activities:

1. Pay for an office and conference space where Afrocentric literacy classes will be held for children and adults who may be interested in learning more about the authentic history and culture of Africa from well-trained and experienced African and African-American professors and experts in the fields of education, theatre, and the performing and visual arts. The estimated cost for rental for one fiscal year is **\$23,000.00**;
2. Purchase a twenty-four seater bus to transport no more than fifteen to twenty thespians and our production props and equipment on performance tours to schools, communities, universities, to promote peace and racial tolerance and cultural awareness through our performances and Afrocentric literary materials. The estimated cost for a twenty-four seater van is **\$24,000.00**;
3. Pay for utilities and professional fees at an estimated cost of: **\$6,000.00**;
4. Provide stipends, compensations for DATI administrative personnel of five, including the Executive Director, Secretary, Accountant, Box Office Manager, and Videographer at an annual cost of: **\$69,000.00**;
5. Produce Afrocentric literary materials and texts to be used in the program to facilitate effective teaching and learning activities for participants, including portfolios, accessories, and snacks for participants at an estimated cost of: **\$15,000.00** per annum;

6. Pay for radio, television, newspaper advertisements and stationery to keep the general public posted at an estimated cost of: **\$20,000.00**.

### Summary and Grand Total

1. Facility Occupancy per annum.....	\$23,000.00
2. Transportation/cost for the purchase of a van.....	\$24,000.00
3. Utilities and professional fees.....	\$ 6,000.00
4. Stipends and compensation for admin staff.....	\$69,000.00
5. Production of Afrocentric texts and materials.....	\$15,000.00
6. Advertisements.....	<b><u>\$20,000.00</u></b>
7. <b>Grand Total:</b>	<b><u>\$157,000.00</u></b>

The Management of DATI will accept financial or in-kind donations with respect to the items listed above, particularly with respect to a van to transport thespians. Thanks to all our sponsors, officers, Prince George’s County Council Members that have identified with our programs thus far, and the City of Bowie for the Bowie City Arts Grant that facilitated our debut performance at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts on January 9, 2016.



*We direly need a DATI/transportation of our own to go on performance tours in communities, schools, cities, across states, to promote peace and cultural awareness through the performing and visual arts.*

### Upcoming Performances

1. *May 14, 2016 (4-6 p.m.) at the Allen Pond Amphitheatre, 3330 Northview Dr, Bowie, MD 20716 (4-6 p.m.)*
2. *August 19, 2016, “The Frogs and Black Snake in Frogsville” Part One at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 15200 Annapolis Rd, Bowie, MD 20715 (7:30-10:30 p.m.)*
3. *August 20, 2016, “The Frogs and Black Snake in Frogsville” Part Two at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 15200 Annapolis Rd., Bowie, MD 20715 (7:30-10:30 p.m.)*

We also express thanks to all those moved by this ad to donate generously toward our cultural awareness and peace education campaign. **Remember your contributions will be tax deductible** and the programs we have to offer will immensely benefit and impact children and their families and the general public to promote cultural diversity, and reduce racial prejudice and violence in our society. Please visit our website at: [www.dehkonteeartists theatreinc.com](http://www.dehkonteeartists theatreinc.com) to read more about our programs. You may also contact us at: **(267) 973-1709** if you have questions. The Management of Dehkontee Artists Theatre, Inc. (DATI). 9 April, 2016.

