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FOLLOW MY LEAD...

WHITE PLAINS YOUTH BUREAU HOSTS 13TH ANNUAL PERFORMING ARTS BENEFIT HONORING LOCAL ARTIST JOE CAVISE

White Plains, NY – February 5, 2018. The White Plains Youth Bureau's 13th Annual Performing Arts Benefit will honor local artist Joe Cavise. *Follow My Lead*, the title of this year's show, will recognize Cavise, the director of Dance Cavise Studios and Off Center Dance Theatre, as the Artistic Honoree. The performance will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the White Plains Performing Arts Center (WPPAC), located at the City Center.

Cavise has been referred to by Dance Teacher Magazine as "Westchester's Dance Man." His artistic accomplishments, such as his role as Mr. Mistoffolees in the original Broadway cast of *Cats* and as a lead dancer in *A Chorus Line – the Movie*, along with his devotion to bringing the joy of dance to more than 1,000 youth, made selecting Cavise as this year's Artistic Honoree an easy choice.

"Joe has touched the lives of so many youth," said White Plains Youth Bureau Director Frank Williams. "His dancers from Off Center Dance Theatre frequently share their dancing talent with youth who are hospitalized or youth who are likely to have limited exposure to classical dance. Joe's passion to train dancers as top performers and to give back to the community meshes with the Youth Bureau's mission of fostering positive youth development."

The program on February 24th will feature performances by three Off Center Dance Theatre Companies as well as ballerina Remi Suvanto.

Follow My Lead will also posthumously honor former White Plains Common Council Member, Bill Brown for his many civic achievements and mentorship of youth. "Bill Brown was a titan of our community," said White Plains Mayor Tom Roach. "He served White Plains as an elected official, affordable housing advocate, and community activist. He was devoted to this city and to making it the best it could be. He left behind a strong and enduring legacy."

Other performers at *Follow My Lead* will include dancers from the Harlem School of the Arts, the O'Rourke Irish Dancers and the Youth Bureau's Tribal Footprints. **Tickets are \$25 and \$50 and are on sale at the WPPAC box office and online at wppac.com.**

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