Urban Artistry to Honor Black History Month in Sofia

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Returning to Bulgaria after a series of successful performances with their troupe last year, two key members of the American hip-hop dance troupe “Urban Artistry” will be in Sofia from February 25th to February 28th where they will host workshops and give performances in honor of Black History Month. Junious “House” Brickhouse, the Founder and Executive Director of Urban Artistry and the Artistic Director Russell “Ironman” Campbell will arrive to Bulgaria from Washington, DC and will participate in events both in and outside of Sofia.

The two men previously traveled to Bulgaria during the 10th edition of the “Jam on It” Festival in Smolyan in September of 2009. “Urban Artistry” is a group of dancers, musicians, and historians who work as ambassadors of urban art and dance culture, and are here in Bulgaria through sponsorship by the U.S. Embassy to help highlight contributions of African-Americans to American Culture during Black History Month which is celebrated during the month of February in the United States.

House and Ironman will conduct a series of workshops on the African-American influence on dance and culture, and will visit three high schools where they will give performances and interact with students. They will also give a workshop on break-dancing and other urban dance styles at the American Corner in the City Library at 4A, Slaveykov Square in Sofia on Saturday, February 27th from 3 pm to 4:30 pm where they will be accompanied by the well-know Bulgarian troupe Sleepwalkingz.

Since its establishment in 2005, Urban Artistry has presented the international dance and arts communities with a renewed perspective on urban dance and arts. They believe that Urban Artistry has grown from the vision of one to the mission of many.