

Bill T. Jones Documentary Wins Peabody Award Streaming Now



Rosalynde LeBlanc and Tom Hurwitz

AfroPoP documentary *Can You Bring It: Bill T. Jones and D-Man in the Waters* has won a 2024 Peabody Award. The Rosalynde LeBlanc and Tom Hurwitz documentary is about the dance Bill T. Jones created during the A.I.D.S. crisis when members of his dance company and his partner Arnie Zane died of the illness in the '80s. The film opened season 15 of the documentary series AfroPoP: The Ultimate Cultural Exchange co-produced by Black Public Media and WORLD. The film focuses on LeBlanc's dance studio at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and viewers see her students working to learn Jones' D-Man in

the Waters ballet. Jones created the dance in 1989 and named it after Demian Acquavella, who was a star dancer of the Bill T. Jones Arnie Zane Company.

“We are profoundly honored to have our work recognized by this award that speaks to excellence in storytelling, and we sincerely thank everyone involved with us in funding, making, and distributing Can You Bring It...,” said LeBlanc and Hurwitz.

The filmmakers will receive the accolade at the 84th Annual Peabody Awards on Sunday, June 9, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, California. Acknowledging the award the critically acclaimed documentary will stream for free on the [BPM website](#), [WORLDchannel.org](#), and [YouTube](#) through July 9, 2024.

