

# **Hopkins Center for the Arts**

at Dartmouth

presents

## **23 Skidoo and the Secret Agency**

Secret Agent 23 Skidoo

Debrissa McKinney

Ryan Barber

Bboy J Wall

Bboy Delma

**Sunday, April 21, 2 & 5 pm**

Dartmouth Hall, Room 105 • Dartmouth College • 2024



# Program

*Approximate duration: 50 minutes.* Song titles will be announced from the stage.

## About the Artists

Hip-hop has always been about bringing different elements together to create a powerful artistic union. **The Secret Agency** represents this through the diversity of its members, each of whom comes from a different background and brings unique skills to the show. From musical theater graduates to battle champions, they all unite under the original purpose of hip-hop culture: Peace, Love, Unity and Having Fun! The Secret Agency encourages kids to be proud of their unique individuality and reminds grownups how exciting, scary and beautiful it is to be young.

**Secret Agent 23 Skidoo** is a Grammy-winning hip-hop artist and producer. Influenced equally by golden age hip-hop lyricism, classic funk beats and the wild imaginations of kids, he crafts songs and books that have inspired generations of families. Along with his daughter, his wife and his crew, the **Secret Agency**, he has performed around the world, headlining family festivals in the United States, Canada, India and Australia. As well as performing, he teaches rhyme writing workshops and residencies for all ages exploring creativity as a rite of passage. In all of his creations and performances, 23 Skidoo prioritizes wonder, curiosity and a vast respect for the diversity and uniqueness of his audience members and listeners.

**Debrissa McKinney** is an internationally touring vocalist and saxophone player. She performs with a diverse collection of groups, from Empire Strikes Brass, a high-energy horn and funk ensemble, to Dirty Logic, the world's best Steely Dan cover band. Her powerhouse singing style is all over the map (both stylistically and from constant touring) and her positivity and smile are

infectious! When performing with the Secret Agency, she goes by the moniker **Secret Agent Cool Breeze**.

**Ryan Barber** is known throughout the southeast for his hypnotic funk falsetto and his DJ skills. Performing with the group Boogie Therapy, he mines the best of the 70s, 80s and 90s for nuggets of soul, funk, hip-hop and New Jack Swing. And his crates are just as deep when he spins tunes as DJ BaDonkey Kong, rocking parties and making memories. He is a singer, rapper and producer, specializing in smoothly delivered throwback hip-hop. When performing with the Secret Agency, he goes by the name of **Secret Agent Hi-Fi**.

**Bboy J Wall** is an internationally known performer and educator, and a member of the Dancing on Air Crew. He is a proven champion, taking first place at various competitions through the Southeast including the prestigious "Old to the New Jam," and has traveled through Germany and the Netherlands to perform and compete. J Wall has graced the stage with a host of hip-hop legends including Curtis Blow and Newcleus, and dedicates much of his time to teaching and inspiring the next generation of dancers at DanceLab breaking school.

**Bboy Delma** is a dancer, a model and a hip-hop artist. As a part of the Dancing On Air Crew and the Secret Agency, he has wowed crowds throughout the United States. Delma has frequently won events across the country, especially making noise in the SouthEast, where he took first place in the Red Bull Competition in Atlanta and has remained a whopping ten-time champion at the Shamrock Breakdance Competition in Raleigh.

## Arts in the Community

23 Skidoo and the Secret Agency give a School Matinée performance for regional schools and homeschools at Kimball Union Academy. During their time in the Upper Valley, they will lead a workshop with Kimball Union students who will be part of the performance.