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***BRAIN BANGERS UNLEASHES THE ULTIMATE DANCE MASH-UP
IN LONG BEACH AS I.AM.ME CREW MEMBERS TEAM UP WITH
TOP STARS FROM MTV'S AMERICA'S BEST DANCE CREW***

***Brain Bangers Kicks Off The New WOW! Series with
The Peking Acrobats and Siro-A***

LONG BEACH, Calif. – The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center on the campus of Cal State Long Beach presents an all-star dance event featuring MTV's *America's Best Dance Crew* champions as select members of I.aM.mE, Elektrolytes and other dance crews team up for *Brain Bangers* on Nov. 23 at 8pm and Nov. 24 at 2pm.

Brain Bangers will feature members of I.aM.mE Crew—including Brandon "747" Harrell, Phillip "Pacman" Chbeeb, Jana "Jaja" Vaňková, and Emilio "Millie" Dosal—who rose to prominence in 2011 after becoming season six champions on MTV's *America's Best Dance Crew*. The event will also include season six contenders Kevin "Jr Tight-Eyez" Davis from Street Kingdom and Jean Carlos "B-boy Bebo" Lloret from Phunk Phenomenon. Additionally, they will be joined by Lily Frias and Scarlett Nabil from Funkdation Crew of season seven along with brothers Sal and Nico Banuelos from Elektrolytes—champions of last year's *ABDC: Return of the Superstars*.

The Houston-based I.aM.mE Crew celebrates diversity and is dedicated to Inspiring, Motivating, and Energizing every individual to discover what makes them who they are. Known for their "Brain Bangin" Southern signature style of creating large scale shapes and mesmerizing puzzles with the human body, they became the first mixed gender crew to win the competition—as well as being the first crew from the South to win *ABCD*.

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Members of I.aM.mE have gone on to be featured in the film *Step Up Revolution*, Ubisoft's *Just Dance 3* video game, and perform with music group LMFAO at the 2011 American Music. Additionally, members were also featured in Paramount's *League of Extraordinary Dancers* season 3 and in Shawn Welling's *Avengers of Xtreme Illusion* dance film series.

Brain Bangers featuring members of I.aM.mE Crew and ABDC champions kicks off Carpenter Center's new 2013-14 WOW! Series, which includes an international range of performances featuring The Peking Acrobats from China on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014 and Japan's Siro-A: *The Digital Experiment* on Sunday, Mar. 16, 2014.

Subscriptions and single tickets to each performance are available and on sale now. Patrons who subscribe get the best seats in the house, as well as numerous benefits—including significant discounts on additional single tickets. Subscribe to all three events in the WOW! Series for \$99. Single tickets for *Brain Bangers* featuring members of I.aM.mE Crew and ABDC Champions are \$50. For tickets and more information, visit www.CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This series is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3FM.

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CARPENTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER 2013/14 WOW! SERIES CALENDAR LISTING

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- Where: **Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center**
6200 Atherton St.
Long Beach, CA 90815
(On the campus of Cal State Long Beach)
- Tickets: **Call (562) 985-7000 | www.CarpenterArts.org**
Box Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm
Saturdays are closed except on season performance days from Noon – 4pm.
- What: The WOW! Series brings events and performers displaying incredible physical feats, sensory stimulation, and eye-popping wonders that will bring thrilling entertainment to the theatre. Kicking off the series is **Brain Bangers featuring members of I.aM.mE and ABDC Champions** on Nov. 23 and 24 as select members from I.aM.mE will team up with other champions from *America's Best Dance Crew* to create large scale shapes and mesmerizing puzzles with the human body. Rooted in more than 2,000 years of history and tradition, **The Peking Acrobats** from China bring their legacy of superb talent and athletic acts in a two-show engagement. Lastly, the Japanese tech ensemble **Siro-A** will perform **The Digital Experiment** where they fuse optical illusions and digital projections all set to a pulsating electro beat.
- Dates:
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| <i>Brain Bangers</i> featuring members of I.aM.mE and ABDC Champions | Sat., Nov. 23 at 8pm &
Sun., Nov. 24 at 2pm |
| The Peking Acrobats | Sat., Jan. 1, 2014 at 2pm & 8pm |
| Siro-A: <i>The Digital Experiment</i> | Sun., Mar. 16, 2014 at 5pm |

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