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**Give the Gift of Astonishment this Holiday Season**

**FIRSTWORKS Spring Performances**

*Holiday Sale December 1<sup>st</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup>*

**PROVIDENCE, RI** – [FirstWorks](http://FirstWorks.org) announced its holiday sale for two spring headliner performances today – Bill T. Jones / Arnie Zane Dance Company and Bobby McFerrin – two legendary artists and two Providence firsts. Save 20% on select tickets during a special FirstWorks holiday sale from December 1<sup>st</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup>. Share the experience of music, dance and world class artists this season. Simply use code FWSP20 when purchasing tickets at [ymari.com](http://ymari.com) or 401-421-ARTS (2787). View the FirstWorks full spring 2012 season schedule at [first-works.org](http://first-works.org).

**Bill T. Jones / Arnie Zane Dance Company**

**The Vets, March 10, 2012 at 8 p.m.**

*"Story/Time" World Premiere Tour*

*Tickets start at \$18*

Experience a titanic force in the world of dance! Bill T. Jones, one of America's most visionary artists and the creative force behind Broadway hits "Spring Awakening" and "Fela!", returns to FirstWorks with the world premiere tour of a thrilling multimedia work.

In "Story/Time", Jones' inventive choreography frames a cascade of poignant, autobiographical short stories, narrated center stage by Jones himself and visualized by his 12-member, international company. With a structural nod to John Cage, "Story/Time" plays on chance to bring music, movement and meaning together – creating each performance anew for a unique 'first' in Providence.

**Bobby McFerrin**  
**The Vets, May 10, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.**

*Tickets start at \$22*

10-time Grammy Award winner and one-man orchestra Bobby McFerrin uses his four-octave range and a vast array of vocal techniques to conjure the unmistakable sound of a trumpet in a jazz standard, the cello in a classical composition and the bubbly melody of a pop song.

Best known for his Grammy Award-winning, a capella chartbuster “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”, McFerrin’s artistry extends far beyond this unforgettable hit. Creating spontaneous, beautiful and timeless music that transcends all borders and embraces all cultures, McFerrin is no mere singer – he is music’s last true Renaissance man.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF ASTONISHMENT**

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Tickets: [vmari.com](http://vmari.com), 401-421-ARTS (2787)

\*Offer valid 12/1/11 through 12/18/11, some restrictions apply

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**About FirstWorks**

Beginning with an unprecedented collaboration with Providence’s Department of Art, Culture + Tourism, FirstWorks was launched in 2004 as a vehicle to build community, reach underserved audiences, and present extraordinary arts programs that elevate Providence’s national profile. In the seven years since, FirstWorks has

produced 21 groundbreaking arts festivals, attracted more than 95,000 participants, presented over 300 international artists and innovators, engaged more than 100 nonprofit community organizations and schools, and grown into a multidimensional arts organization recognized with eleven National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grants.

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