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**Dozens of Detroit Youth Gymnasts to Showcase Skills Learned from**

**Not-for-Profit Program by Hall of Fame Gymnast**

**Detroit Native Wendy Hilliard, Hall of Fame Rhythmic Gymnast, local student gymnasts & coaches are available for photo and interview opportunities**

*Saturday June 9th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*



**WHAT:** The [Wendy Hilliard Gymnastics Foundation](http://www.whfny.org/aboutthewhgf.html) (WHGF), a Harlem-based not-for-profit organization that provides free and low-cost quality gymnastics programs for inner-city youth, vaulted into Detroit in September 2016 after two decades of successful programming in Harlem, New York. Founder **Wendy Hilliard**, Hall of Fame rhythmic gymnast and the first African-American to represent the U.S. in international competition, is thrilled to have received the funding and community support to be able to bring her programming to her hometown of Detroit. This Saturday, June 9th, WHGF presents its end-of-year showcase at the Joe Dumars Field House.  After serving more than 17,000 youth in Harlem, WHGF has embraced the community in this expansion, offering gymnastics programming to dozens of Detroit local youth to date.

**WHO**: **Wendy Hilliard, Hall of Fame Rhythmic Gymnast**, first African-American to represent the U.S. in international competition, and member of the Rhythmic Gymnastics National Team for a record of nine times.

**Dozens of Student Gymnasts** that have completed the second year of Detroit programming.

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 9th, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**COST:** FREE

**WHERE:** Joe Dumars Field House (former Michigan State Fair Grounds on Woodward & Eight Mile)

 1120 W State Fair Ave, Detroit, MI 48203

Enter on Eight Mile directly past the Meijer gas station

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