

NORTHWEST PASSAGES

'Sophisticated Ladies' features D.C. brothers

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Personal debuts Thursday night, but after the show ends its run, they'll go back to their primary pursuit: high school.

Yes, John and Leo, 17 and 15, are the show's youngest cast mem-

bers by

almost a

decade.

Native of

Southwest

D.C. and

students at

the Field

School, the

brothers are

the only

Washington

dancers who were chosen for the

Arena Stage show by choreogra-

pher Maurice Hines, who himself

was once half of a dancing-brother

duo.

It has the sound of a Cinderella

story: Two boys from a sleepy side

of the city attend a master class

offered by a Broadway star who's

in town scouting for new talent.

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John and Leo Manzan

on U Street last weekend,

rooping into a coffee shop

the weary,

No surprise

there: The

two dancers

had been

rehearsing

almost non-

stop for a

production

of "Duke

Ellington's

"Sophisticated Ladies" that will

open tomorrow night at the Lincoln

Theatre. On this sunny Sunday

morning, the brothers were prepar-

ing for yet another in a string of

12-hour days of finalizing the per-

formance — and that was after a

month of eight-hour rehearsals, six

days a week.

"My body was aching, and it

still is," said John Manzan, gestur-

ing at his legs.

Any one who's chosen a career

as a professional dancer is expected

to know that their body is going to

take a beating in rehearsals. But the

Manzan brothers, one could argue,

deserve a little sympathy. After all,

they might be making their profes-

spot will help you find the

treasure buried on the grounds

of the Dumbarton House. To locate

these goods, you'll need Global

Positioning System technology and

Internet access.

Welcome to treasure-hunting 2.0,

or hide, as it is called

Dumbarton cache —

filled with rare jewels it is not, but the

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body traveling through the area will come through," she said. "Over time, it would get hit a lot."

But the Star-Spangled hide has been different. "It shows how popular this Star-Spangled Banner Geocache has been," she said. "There are people traveling from various states all over who are making a point to try to go visit these Star-Spangled Banner Geocache geocaches because they are finding it interesting. It's historically significant. It's an excuse to go out and see something different."

The trail winds through Maryland, Virginia and the District. Its 35 hide sites include museums, Congressional Cemetery, the USS Constitution in Baltimore, parks and nature preserves. Besides information on the house, the Dumbarton hide — a Tupperware-like container — has trinkets that geocachers have left behind, such as toys, decks of cards, pens and bookmarks. Groppe said. "The items don't have to have a connection to the house or the war."

"There are a lot of fun things to be found," she said. "The courtesy is that if you're not interested in it, don't take it. If you don't have something to replace it, don't take it." Visitors also enter information in a booklet at the site and online: their handles, or user names, the date and time when they were at the cache, and what they left. "They're leaving their mark that they were there," Groppe said. "Stashes are nothing new to the 2715 Q St. house, built in 1703. We've had other finds on our property but not for quite a while."

Groppe said. "There's something similar called letterboxing, and that means leaving a note in a box on the site. Sometimes it's called microcaching, microboxing. There was a little film canister found that has a stamp of Dumbarton House in it, and a kindly visitor found it — or a dog found it — and brought it to us, so we're not sure where it's supposed to be hidden. We have not been able to identify the owner of it, but it is marked as a letterboxing cache."

To get involved in geocaching, all you need is a portable GPS device (a GPS-equipped cell phone will do the trick) and a free membership to geocaching.com, which lists coordinates for hides by city, state, postal code and country. For more information on the Star-Spangled Banner Geocache, visit nps.gov/sisp/geocache.htm or friendsofpeakgeocaching.org (look for "Geocaching" under the "Projects" tab). For more on the Dumbarton House, go to dumbartonhouse.org.

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This wasn't their first try out ever. "We just went in there and danced," said John.

The rest is history. It's possible that Hines had a particular soft spot for John and Leo — he and his brother Gregory, who died in 2003, also grew up dancing and performing together. He virtually admitted as much. "I see a great deal of myself and my brother in them when they dance," he said in a recent statement. "They are just fabulous."

As a result, Hines has been a lot to keep up with — but has a lot of parts, which means he has a lot to keep up with — but number of parts, which means he and Leo is an understudy for a stop steps and staging for a show-births. Not just learning the non-assignment. "They've got a lot of responsibility. That means they're constantly trying to keep up with assignments. Leo, a ninth-grader, attends school three days a week and e-mails in homework, while John, a senior, has a slate of major assignments that broadly keep him up with the rest of the class. So for the next six weeks, the boys' schedule is set: eight performances a week, and schoolwork during the down times. But after details, visit arenastrage.org or call 202-488-3300.

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something of a mentor and protector to the boys. He watches out for them — a relief to their mother — while also teaching them about show business. Both boys say they've grown through his tutelage. "We're becoming better performers. He's very enthusiastic, and that shows on stage," added John.

And at the Heart Institute at Children's National Medical Center, the time between a diagnosis like this and birth is used well. Fetal cardiologists meticulously monitor these small hearts and, if necessary, recommend intervention. At the same time, obstetric and surgical teams collaborate, assuring the surgical plan will be executed like clockwork — sometimes within minutes of the child's birth. At the nation's children's hospital, more than two thirds of all cardiovascular surgeries are performed on patients less than one year old. And half of these are on newborns, less than one month old. In addition to world-class surgery, advancement in catheter-based cardiac interventions is creating non-surgical options to repair congenital malformations. The nation's children deserve nothing less.

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John, in particular, faces a choice: He's been accepted at Manhattan College but hasn't decided whether to go or continue pursuing a professional career. "One way or the other, though, the boys agree that they want to keep dancing and performing together. I want to maintain the together." "He'll still be in high school. I'll be in college. But we'll be together all the time," said John.

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Through the Parent's Letter Project, parents of children who have been patients at the Children's National Medical Center provide support to families undergoing similar treatments. If you would like to read their letters or write one that could help a family, please visit www.letters4letter.org.

