"A Single Garment of Destiny": Honoring MLK Jr. With Every Step, Every Sound

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Members of the step team at St. Joseph H.S., Downtown Brooklyn, practiced for months for their opening performance at the annual New York Encounter in Manhattan Jan. 12. (Photos: Melissa Enaje)

Rumbling and thumping sounds echoed across the wooden floor in an auditorium in Manhattan Jan. 12. To the average ear, the stampede of sounds could have been disguised as noise or usual Friday night clamor. But every step pounded on the ground belonged to the passionate members of the St. Joseph H.S. Step Team, done in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy.

Standing in the center of the stage donned in her deep blue and bright yellow team uniform that read ‘Lady Cougars,’ one girl addressed the crowd attending the New York Encounter event by staring directly into their eyes and shouting a stern statement.