



BLACK GYMNASTS IN HISTORY



- Black Gymnasts in History was launched in February 2016 by Wendy Hilliard - the first Black rhythmic gymnast to represent the U.S. at the World Championships and founder of the Wendy Hilliard Gymnastics Foundation - in order to bring visibility and pay tribute to the many Black athletes who have paved the way in gymnastics' various disciplines and continue to inspire today's generation.
- Every year during Black History Month, Black Gymnasts in History highlights the accomplishments of tumblers, trampolinists, artistic gymnasts, rhythmic gymnasts, and coaches.
- More than a compilation of facts and stats: Black Gymnastics in History since its inception has uncovered previously hidden information about Black athletes (such as the first male Black gymnast to represent Team USA in an Olympic Games in 1968 - a fact previously lost to history due to race relations in the U.S. in the 1960s).
- Black Gymnastics in History has inspired an art show by a top international artist featured in The New York Times, received media coverage in outlets including the BBC, and features interviews with and access to top gymnasts and commentators in the sport's history, including Alexandra Nicholson (2X World Trampoline Champion), Corrinne Tarver (Fisk University Head Coach), Steve Butcher (Federation of International Gymnastics), Annia Hatch (U.S. Olympian and 2X Olympic Medalist), Cait Rooskranz (the 1st Olympic gymnast in the country of South Africa), and more.

BGIH By the Number

- 12 exclusive interviews
- 1,000+ social media posts
- 9,000+ followers
- 5M views across Instagram and TikTok in 2023 alone
- Audience: 75% Women, 25% Men