

YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY

Enters 17th Season

Greetings and wishes for a **YOUNG** new year.

The 16th season of **YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY** rolled right into the 17th, with the connecting link of the innovative POP, our Professional Opportunities Project, launched in December, 2011. In this exciting new YDC initiative, created in collaboration with the Limón Institute, two works from the YDC 2011 season, created by 9th grade members of the company, were set and developed on six professional dancers of the José Limón Dance Company, and performed December 3rd at the Gibley Dance Center for a capacity audience. See inside for details.

The July 2011 YDC season produced ten original student works and an excerpt from José Limón's masterwork "Psalm" taught and staged in our Repertory Project by Limón company members Mary Ford Sussman and Pablo Ruvalcaba.

The highly successful concert was performed city-wide in 17 free concerts, Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, for audiences of over 1200 enthusiastic young people and adults.

Company members were drawn from ten different NYC public high schools, selected by auditions held last March. They got it... they understood the choreographic concepts and had the determination and confidence to explore controversial topics that held personal meaning for them as individuals, as well as the wit to have fun with light-hearted explorations. As performers they discovered how to dance with full commitment in every moment.

One of the highlights of the season was an interactive workshop with teen artists at the Museum of Modern Art. The topic was Gender in the Arts, and it prompted some interesting improvisations among teen students of dance and art.

The DANCE NY project, generously funded by the Kornfeld Foundation, took us to five superb NY dance concerts and gave us our Repertory Project and guest artist workshops.

William Catanzaro once again led YDC students through a lexicon of music choices, and, of course, was the one-hand band for the lively post concert jam on stage after every performance...wilder and wicker.

Jennifer Lee made her magic with costumes, fashioned from everything and nothing, And with excellent help from Jenée, who is now off to Paris.

Special thanks to the high school teachers who know each and everyone of their students, want the best for them, and help YDC to do what it does.

David Bush, graphics designer, continues to make us look good in print and on-line.

And thanks to Vasil Bury who is helping us create a brand new web site. And Charlie Forster, Fieldston '01, I am ever grateful to you for the web site you started for us. It has stood the years well.

Alice

AUDITIONS

for the 2012 Company
Sunday, March 11, Noon - 6 pm
 at NY Live Arts, (DITW)
 219 West 19 Street,
 SPREAD THE WORD
 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
 APPLY NOW
 Obtain application forms on line
www.ecfs.org/ydc.asp
 or from high school teachers

CALLING ALL ALUMS

Saturday, January 28
EVERYBODY DANCE!
 9am - 3pm
 YDC Alums lead a workshop for young children
 Followed by
REUNION PARTY
 3 to 6 pm
 See inside for details

2012 17th Season

Free Touring Performances
All Over Town
 Original Student Work
 Robert Battle Repertory Project
 Sean Curran Repertory Robert

TOURING FREE CONCERTS THROUGHOUT NYC

ORIGINAL STUDENT WORKS
 And the LIMÓN REPERTORY PROJECT


FIELDSTON AUDITORIUM BRONX
 For Fieldston Enrichment Program
 and for community groups



WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK MANHATTAN



THE HIGH LINE
 Chelsea's new elevated "park in the sky"
 A traveling dance throughout the park,
 from 13th - 20th street



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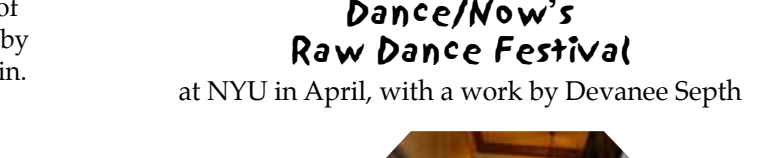
**SCHIMMEL CENTER FOR THE ARTS
 PACE UNIVERSITY**
 For hundreds of young people from
 United Neighborhood Houses city-wide



**KUMBLE THEATER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
 BROOKLYN**
 For LIU college students and for Community
 Groups of youngsters



JAMAICA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



GALA FINALE CONCERT AND RECEPTION
 Alvin Ailey Citigroup Theater



Museum of Modern Art

YDC demonstrated and interacted with teen artists at MOMA, leading improvisations on the museum's theme of Gender in the Arts, "Beyond Pink and Blue," coordinated by MOMA's education dept. Calder Zwicky with Mark Epstein.



YDC 2010 performed as part of Dance/Now's Raw Dance Festival

at NYU in April, with a work by Devanee Septh



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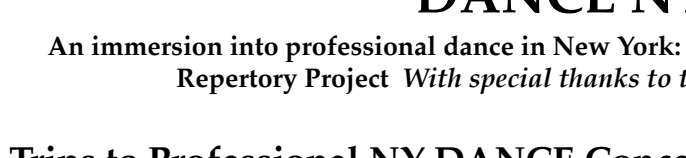
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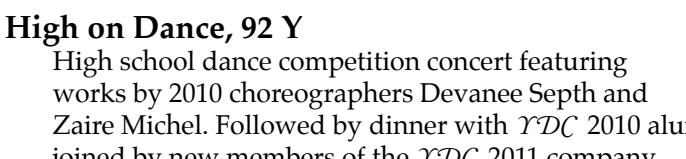
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DANCE NY 2011 Season

An immersion into professional dance in New York: concerts, guest artists, seminars, workshops, and the annual Repertory Project With special thanks to the Emily Davie and Joseph S. Kornfeld Foundation

Trips to Professional NY DANCE Concerts

Each with pre or post concert seminars with choreographers/ artistic directors

Doug Varone and Dancers, 92 Y
 High school dance competition concert featuring works by 2010 choreographers Devanee Septh and Zaire Michel. Followed by dinner with YDC 2010 alums, joined by new members of the YDC 2011 company

Bridgman/Packer
 Duet Concert at Fieldston, for invited audience

Shen Wei and Dancers
 at Metropolitan Museum of Art


**Kyle Abraham, Faye Driscoll,
 Gregory Dalboshian, at Joyce Theater**
 And seminar at the theater, with choreographer Kyle Abraham, led by dance critic/writer Elizabeth Zimmer

José Limón Dance Company
 at John Jay Theater

Guest Workshops
 Kyle Abraham, Urban Culture
 Bridgman/Packer Partnering Workshop
 College and Career Seminar
 with representatives from 8 area colleges

JOSE LIMÓN REPERTORY PROJECT

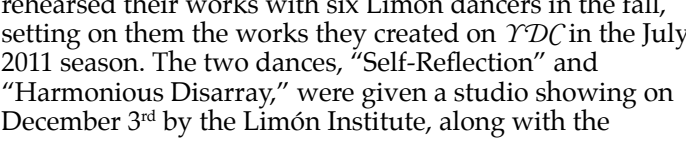
YDC in an excerpt from José Limón's "Psalm" set by Mary Ford and Pablo Ruvalcaba




On the steps of the Metropolitan Museum of Art



With Kyle Abraham and dancers



Warming up for raw dance

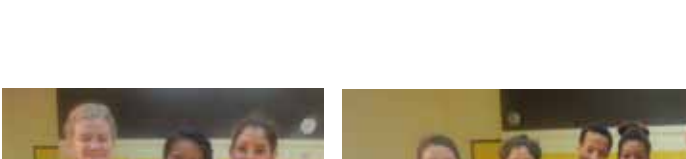


Professional Opportunities Project: POP


YDC choreographers, Joelle Abejar, and Nerita McFarlane, rehearsed their works with six Limón dancers in the fall, setting on them the works they created on YDC in the July 2011 season. The two dances, "Self-Reflection" and "Harmonious Disarray," were given a studio showing on December 3rd by the Limón Institute, along with the

Institute's Professional Studies Project, and received an ovation from the enthusiastic audience at the Gibley Dance Center. YDC is grateful to Ann Vachon, the Limón Institute's Education Director, and Carla Maxwell, Artistic Director of the José Limón Dance Company, for giving our young artists this unique opportunity.

Joelle and Limón dancers in rehearsal



Nerita and Limón dancers in rehearsal




"...this has been the highlight of my dance career so far!"



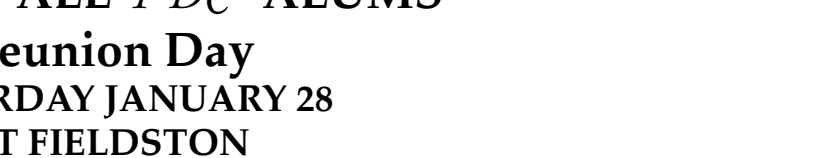
"...an amazing experience for me... the Limón dancers gave such attention to the work."



Joelle with her cast



In performance



CALLING ALL YDC ALUMS

Reunion Day
SATURDAY JANUARY 28
AT FIELDSTON
9-3 EVERYBODY DANCE!
YDC ALUMS WE NEED YOU
FOR THE FIELDSTON ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

"I never knew dancing was so much fun. The YDC dancers gave me confidence. I never felt so good about myself. Thank you Miss Alice and YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY!"
 ...Mykal Edman, SEP 2011

YDC TALENT IS NEEDED
 Lead community youngsters in making dances
 Join Alice and William
 Be a demonstrator/group leader. You know the drill.
 And get Community Service credit if you need it.
 Breakfast and lunch will be served

"I really enjoyed dancing with you and the YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY. I learned how dancing is a way to express yourself through movement. Come back!"
 ...Sarah Markaryan, SEP 2011

THEN REUNION PARTY:
 3-6:00 PM.

VIDEOS, PHOTOS, FOOD, SHARE MEMORIES
 RSVP now for Everybody Dance
 And
 The Reunion

Thanks to the program directors throughout the city who have given performance opportunities to our future choreographers and dancers.

- Since 1996 YDC has given free concerts at:**
- Abrons Arts Center • Ailey Citigroup Theater • Alternative High Schools/Board of Education • LaGuardia Community College
 - Annual "Celebration" Concerts in the Fieldston Auditorium for audiences of community groups from throughout the city • Chelsea the Hood United Neighborhood Houses • Iribeca Performing Arts Center • Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance • Brooklyn Museum • Chelsea Art Museum
 - Chelsea Piers for hundreds of spectators • City Center Studio 5 • Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza • Dance Theater Workshop • Dancetown Downtown Festival '97, '98, '00 and '03 at the Joyce Soho Theatre • Dancing in the Millennium The International conference 2000 in Washington, DC Performance/demonstration called a "highlight of the conference" • Dancing in the Streets • Fordham University's Sculpture Garden at Lincoln Center in a program of improvisations inspired by the sculpture • Goddard Riverside Community Center • Grants Tomb (Part of Harlem Week 2006)
 - Harlem School of the Arts • Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture • Hudson Guild • Jamaica Performing Arts Center • Kumble Theater, LIU • Lovinger Theatre, Lehman College, The Bronx • Queens Library • Queens Museum of Art • Schomburg Center/ NYPL • Stern Auditorium/Mi Snares Middle School/United Neighborhood Houses • Summer of the Arts • High School for Environmental Studies • Dance Educators Lab
 - The Ailey Dance Camp • The Arts at University Settlement • The Bridge for Dance Part of the Lipton Performance Series • The Dancespace Project at St. Mark's Church • The Downtown Dance Festival in Battery Park • The High Line • The Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival in Lee, MA • The NYC Board of Ed. High School Principals Leadership Institute on Arts Education • The Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY
 - Renaissance Charter • Repertory Company H.S. • Richard Greene • Saunders • Seward Park • Stayasant • Talent Unlimited • Townsend Harris • University Neighborhood H.S. • Urban Assembly H.S. • Urban Peace Academy • Walton • Washington Irving • Wings Academy

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Support Us

YDC a unique, free, non-profit program for teen dancers, needs your support. We welcome your fully tax-deductible contribution of any amount. All contributions will be gratefully listed in our Gala Finale Concert Program. Please make check payable to: YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY, ECFS and mail to: YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY, Fieldston School, 3901 Fieldston Road, Bronx, NY 10471
 THANKS

YDC sends thanks, love and fond farewells to Kirstin Spielman and Stephanie Java, YDC 2011 staffers, with all good wishes to them and their growing families. They have been and continue to be good friends of YDC.

And a hearty welcome to Rachel Mieszczyanski returning to us as Program Assistant, formerly as Program Assistant in 2005 and before that a Student Intern, and to Emily Jeffries who began working with YDC in December as Administrative Assistant.

Company members have come from NYC Public High Schools:

- A. Philip Randolph • Academy of American Studies • Adlai Stevenson • Aviation • Beacon School • Benjamin Cardozo • Bertram • Brandeis • Bronx Leadership Academy • Bronx Theater High School • Brooklyn • Brooklyn Technical • Bryant • Clara Barton • City-as-Schools • Columbia • Dewitt Clinton • Discovery High School • Erasmus Hall • Evander Childs • Fannie Lou Hamer • Fashion Industries • Fordham H.S. for Performing Arts • Forest Hills H.S. • Frank Sinatra School of the Arts • Frederick Douglass Academy • Gateway • George Washington Gramercy Arts H.S. • Graphic Communications Art • Harry S. Truman • Herbert Lehman High School for Contemporary Arts • High School for Environmental Studies • High School for Violin and Dance • Humanities & Arts Magnet School • Institute for Collaborative Education • J.K. O'Shissis • James Monroe • John Bowne H.S. • LaGuardia H.S. of Music and Art and Performing Arts • Leon M. Goldstein • Lower Manhattan Arts Academy • Manhattan Center for Math and Science • Mathe Hill • Martin Luther King • Math & Science Magnet School • Millennium H.S. • Performing Arts and Technology High School • Professional Performing Arts School • Renaissance Charter • Repertory Company H.S. • Richard Greene • Saunders • Seward Park • Stayasant • Talent Unlimited • Townsend Harris • University Neighborhood H.S. • Urban Assembly H.S. • Urban Peace Academy • Walton • Washington Irving • Wings Academy

News of Alums...

Deaéndre Cousley YDC '11
 Hello Alice! I'm definitely coming to the reunion can't wait. After YDC I continued with my dancing and right now besides dancing at LaGuardia I am dancing with the Martha Graham Company and performing her piece "Panorama" at the Joyce Theater sometimes next year.

Nerita McFarlane YDC '11
 Am dancing in a company, and was in a music video by John Sitz. Am choreographing for the talent show at school. The POP experience was amazing. The Limón dancers gave such attention to the work. They made me feel so welcome in the rehearsals.

Joelle Abejar YDC '11
 Hey Alice! How's everything? Tonight is the closing night for my school's dance concert and I'm so excited! Being in YDC made me more confident in my dancing and helped me understand the rehearsal process from the choreographer's point of view. The Limón performance with POP has been the highlight of my dance career so far! I had a great time working with the Limón dancers Elise and Logan and learned a lot from that experience. See you at the reunion!

Zaire Michel YDC '10
 Hello Alice! I'm still dancing, as well as working...I currently work at Radio City Music Hall and dance at Broadway Dance Center. I have been in a couple music videos and have done many performances.

Ariel Romage YDC '11
 Yes! Everybody Dance. Yes! Reunion. Well, I've taken a break from modern dance and participated in my schools African dance class. I really enjoy it. We're learning the Umfundula technique as well as learning about African dance history and cultures. It's very fun and informative. Plus, the background in modern dance training helps a lot.

Robert Barnes YDC '11
 I will be attending the Reunion.

Gabrielle Vazquez YDC '10
 Hello Alice! I'm attending Hofstra University I am currently a part of four clubs H.O.L.A. (Hofstra's Organization of Latin Americans), SPIT (Poetry Group), The Pride Network (Gay Community at Hofstra) and NAACP (National Association for Advancement for Colored People).

News of Faculty

William Catanzaro
 Back from presenting his CD "Piano Works" in Kyoto, Japan in March 2011, Mr. Catanzaro set to work with percussionist Jerome Morris on a new piano and percussion CD titled "About Time". The new CD will be presented at the end of January 2012 in NYC. By the end of March he will be traveling to Paris for a workshop with Troy Powell, Artistic Director of Ailey II. In July he will return for his 15th season with YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY.

Alice Teirstein
 Arthur Aviles, Bronx dynamo and force of nature, director of the Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance, honored Alice by making her the feature story of the Bronx Dance Coalition's Bronx Dance Magazine in January. She is grateful to Arthur, and Charles Rice Gonzalez and the gang for the work that went into a beautiful 14-page cover story of her life and career.

Many dance colleagues attended the magazine's reception at BAAD, and numerous YDC alums, including Sage Rivera '96, Jessica Danner-Schwartz '99, Samuel Jimenez, '97 and '00, Noele Phillips, '97 and '98, Yumi Parks '08, Jenee Whitehead '08 (recent Student Intern and Costume Assistant). Many gave beautiful talks.

Alice has recently been appointed as a Teaching Artist for the Dance Theater of Harlem, in their Dancing Through Barriers program, and has enjoyed working in this capacity at High School for Violin and Dance, where she had the pleasure of getting acquainted with Lisa Clark, the school's wonderfully energetic dance teacher.