

Young Dancemakers Company

2012 Season

What a year for YDC! Audiences at 8 different venues in 4 boroughs of the city, totalling 2000 young people and adults, cheered the free YDC concerts: 11 original student works. Choreographers dealt with serious, witty, lively, mindful themes all meaningful to the teen choreographers.

Plus: special highlights were student performances of an original work by renowned choreographer Sean Curran, and an excerpt of a work from the repertoire of Robert Battle.



We were all wowed by the performance of our guest artist, Marlena Wolfe, member of Robert Battle's former company, who not only staged Mr. Battle's brilliant work "Ella" on our company but joined each performance with her solo from it, which had audiences on its feet.

And each concert concluded with lively audience participation in improvisations with the company on stage.



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Ailey campers with YDC demonstrators

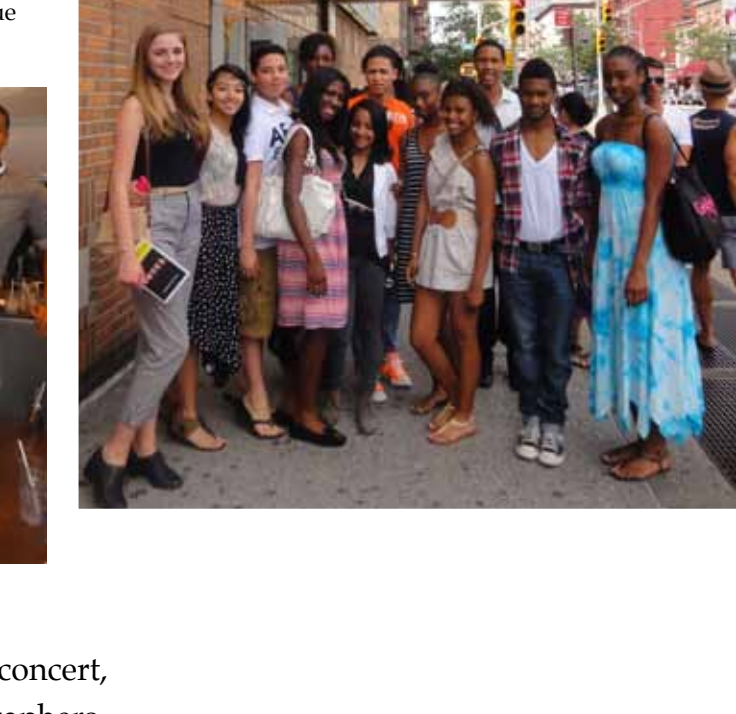
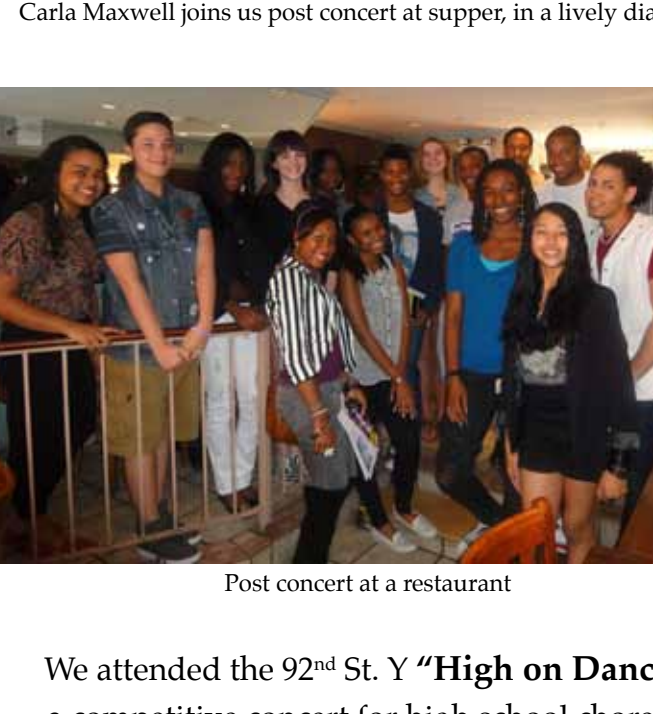


Dancing with Alice on stage

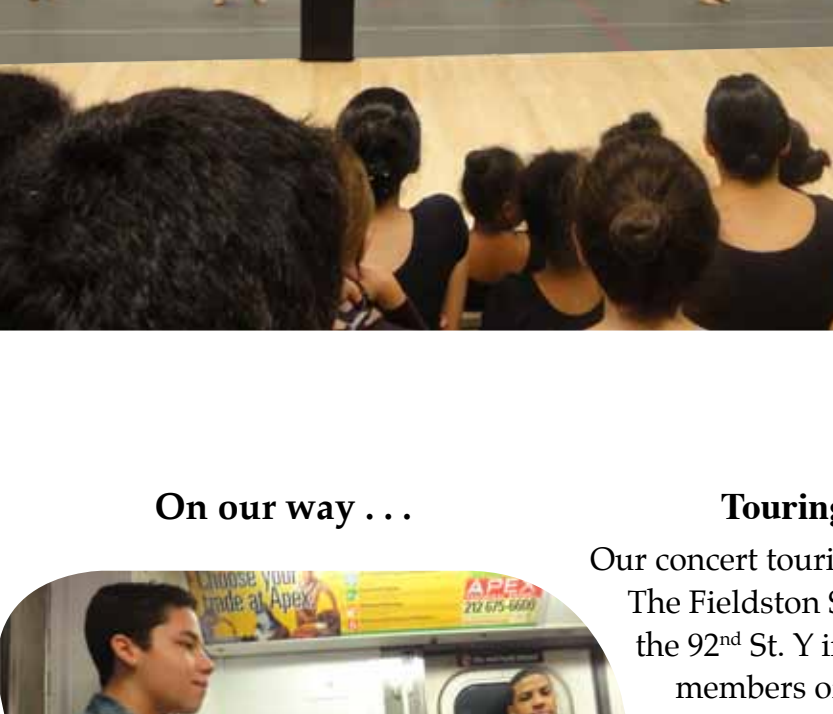
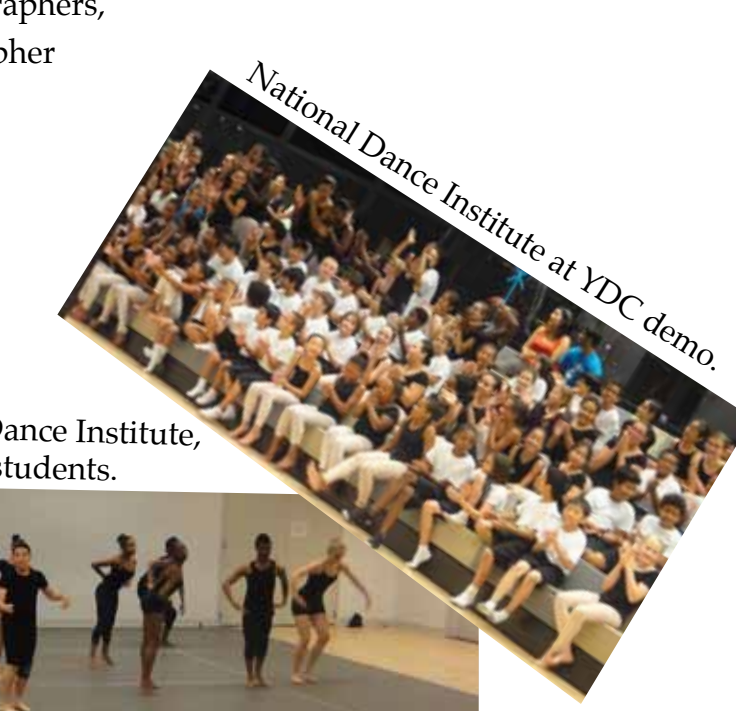


We had exciting special workshops:

FOSSE TECHNIQUE with Diane Laurenson, former Fosse dancer

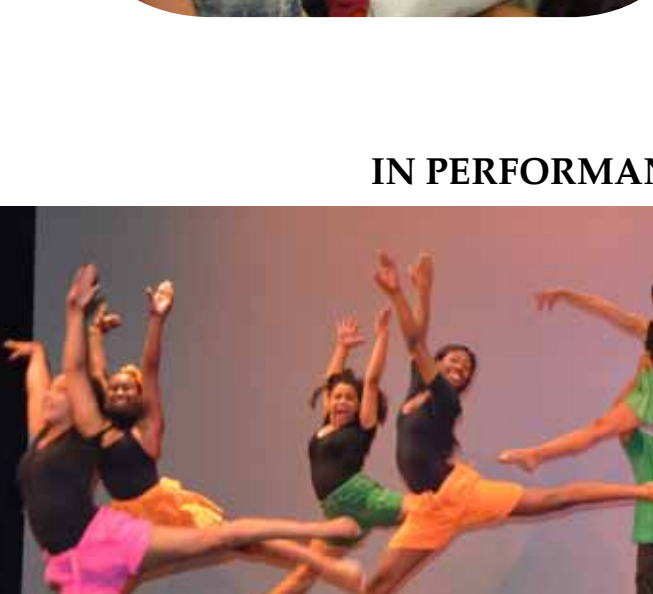


PARTNERING workshop with Bridgman/Packer, famed duet company



COLLEGE AND CAREERS SEMINAR with college dance reps: Hejstra SUNY Purchase, Julliard, Lehman, Ailey/Fordham, Hunter

Through our **DANCE NY** project, made possible by the Kornfeld Foundation, we saw dance concerts by **Keigwin and Company** and the **Limón Dance Company**, at the **Joyce Theater**, and held enlightening seminars with company director/choreographer, **Larry Keigwin** and Limón company Artistic Director **Carla Maxwell**



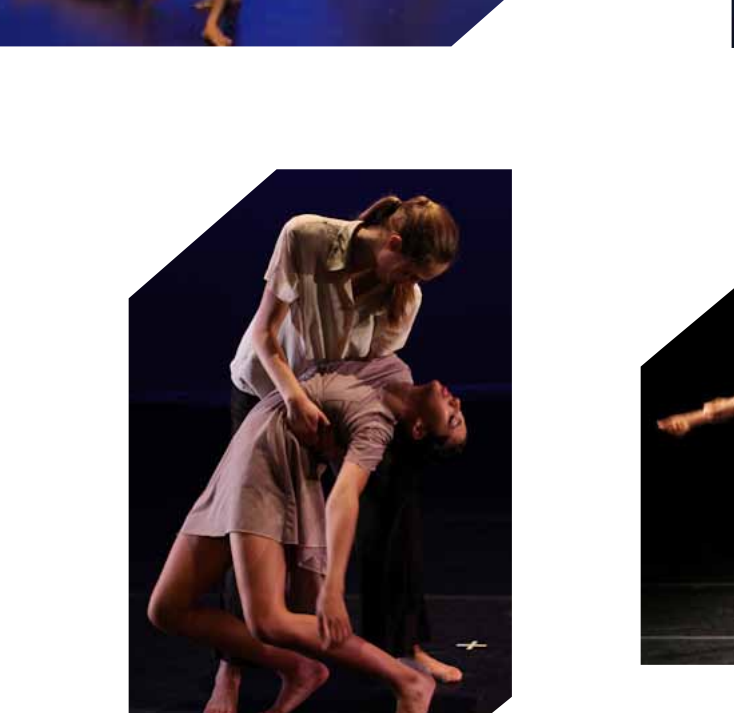
Elizabeth Zimmer, dance writer, leads Q&A with Keigwin



Q&A with director/choreographer Larry Keigwin



Carla Maxwell joins us post concert at supper, in a lively dialogue



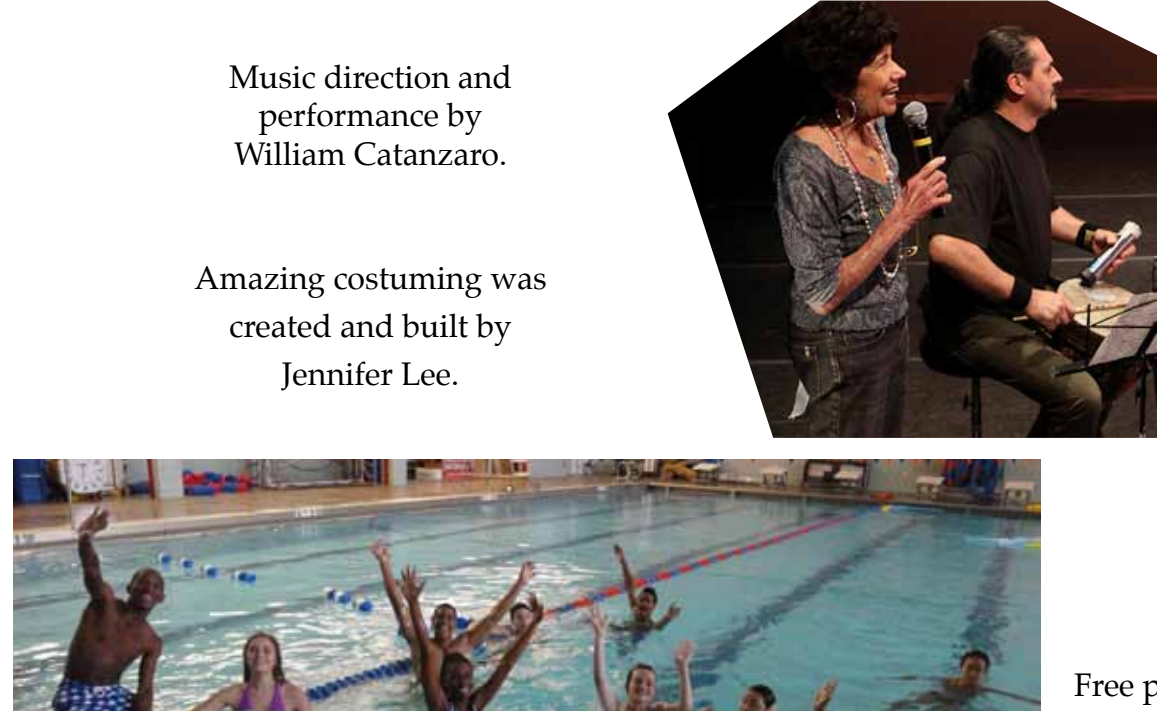
Post concert at a restaurant

We attended the 92nd St. Y "High on Dance" concert, a competitive concert for high school choreographers, featuring a work by 2011 YDC choreographer **Joelle Abejar**, followed by a supper introducing YDC 2011 to YDC 2012



National Dance Institute at YDC demo.

We presented works-in-progress at the National Dance Institute, for a large audience of responsive cheering students.



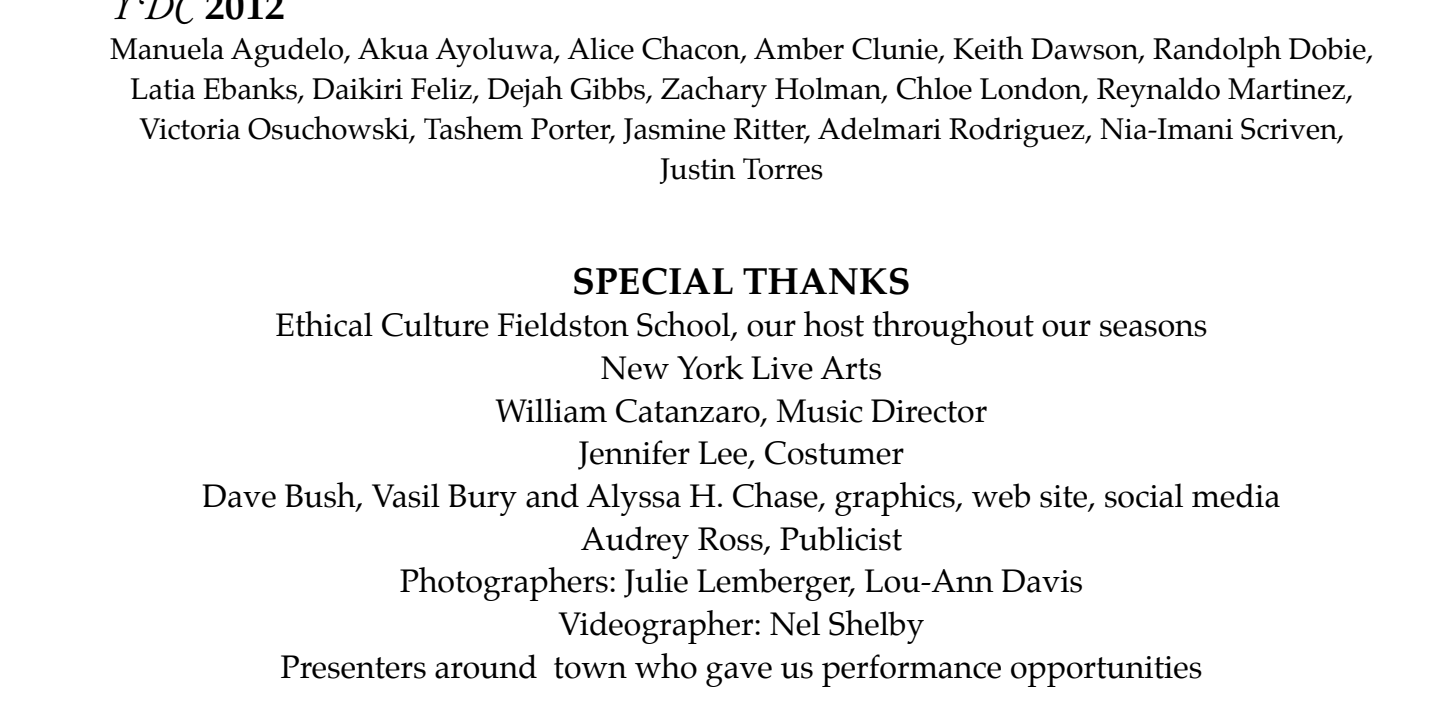
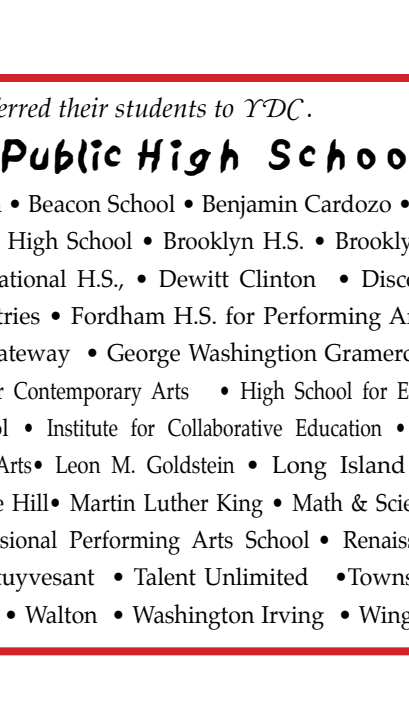
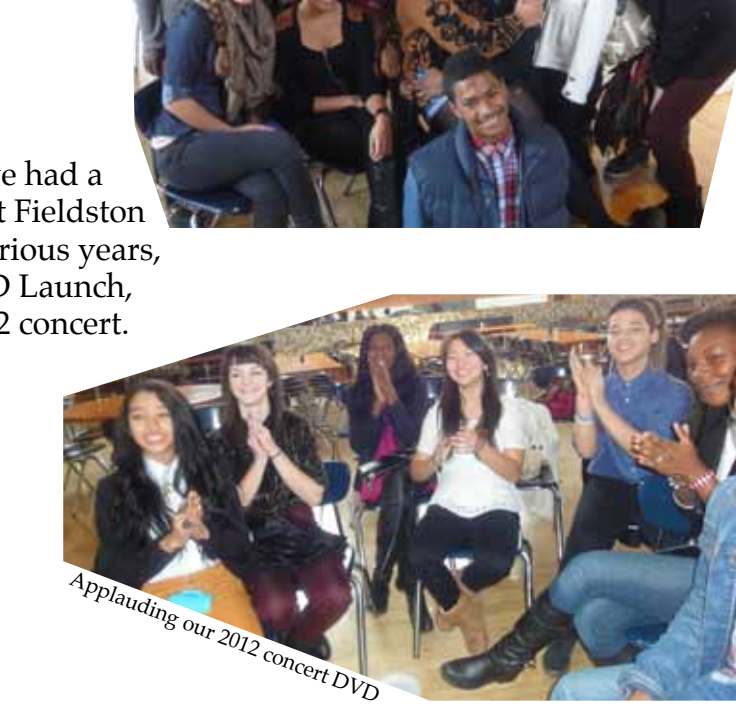
On our way ...

Touring



Our concert touring took us to The Fieldston School in the Bronx, the 92nd St. Y in Manhattan for an audience including members of the Y's DEL program, to Lincoln Center Library for the Performing Arts, Bruno Walter Auditorium, the Kumble Performing Arts Center in Brooklyn, NY's renowned Symphony Space, where we filled the huge house with 700 young people from United Neighborhood Houses, LaGuardia Performing Arts Center in Queens, and our gala finale at the Ailey Citigroup Theater.

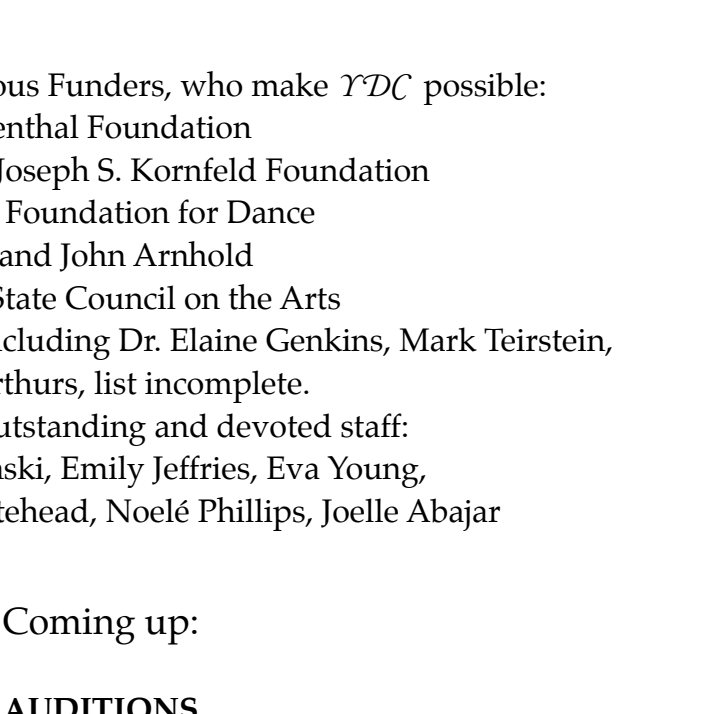
IN PERFORMANCE



Audience of 700 youngsters at Symphony Space

Music direction and performance by William Catanzaro.

Amazing costuming was created and built by Jennifer Lee.

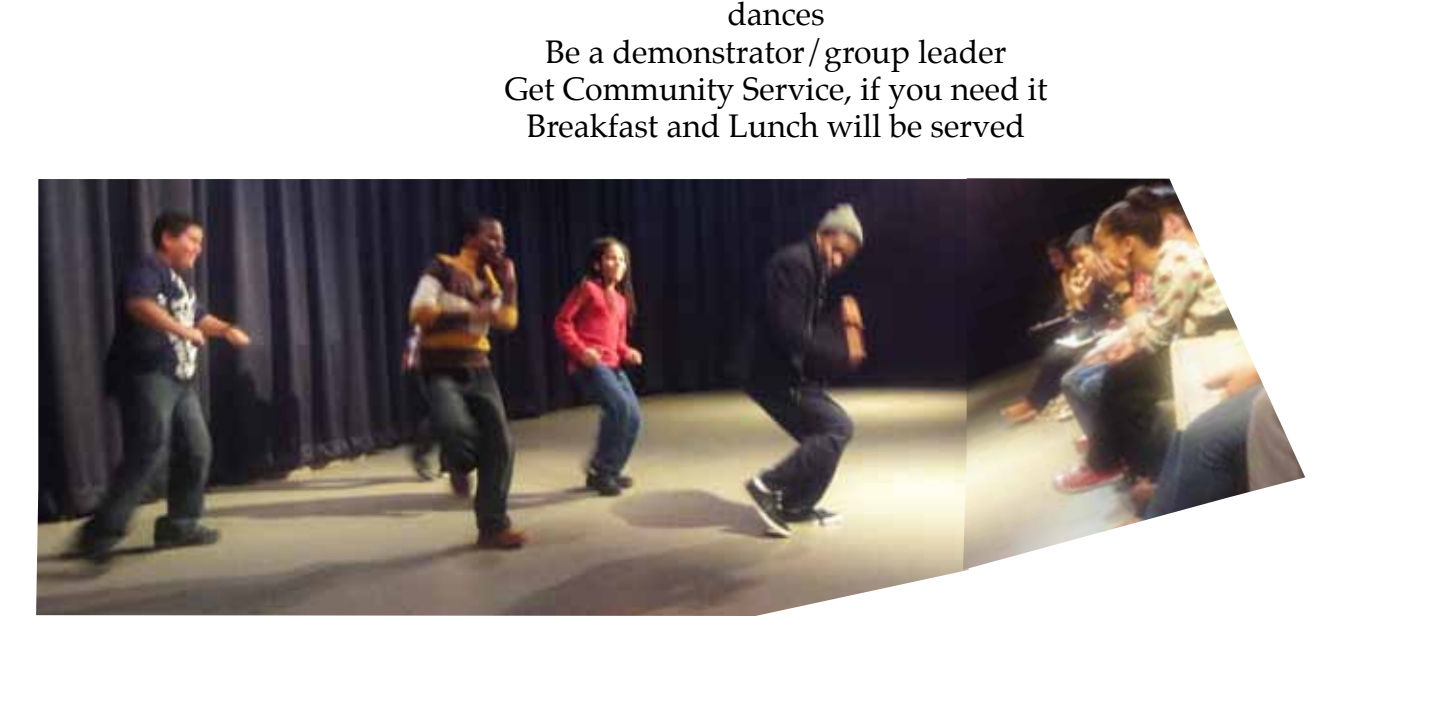


Free play... in the Swim

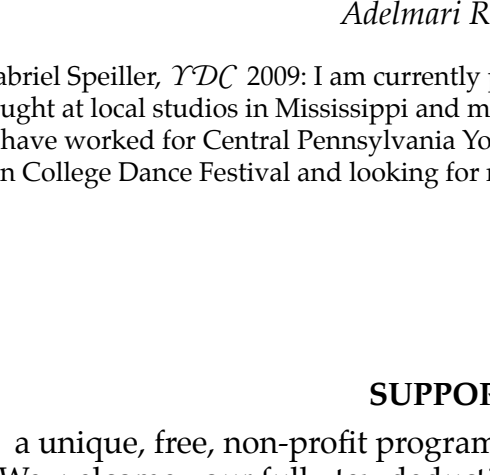
Post-season

YDC on Theater Row

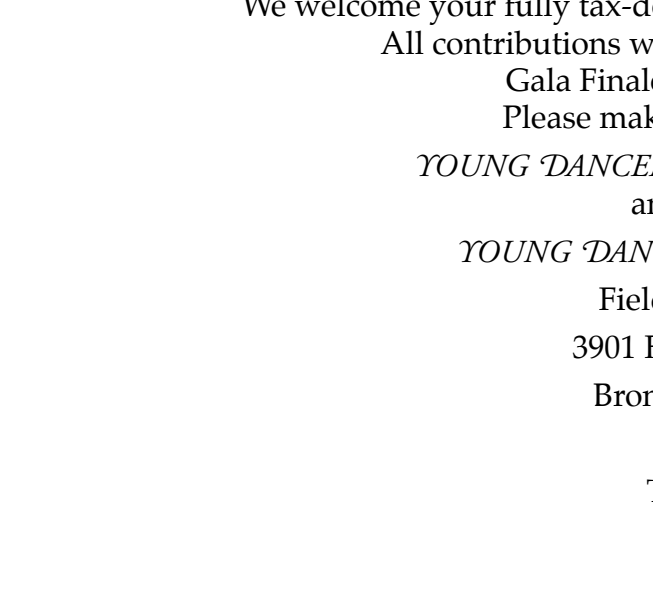
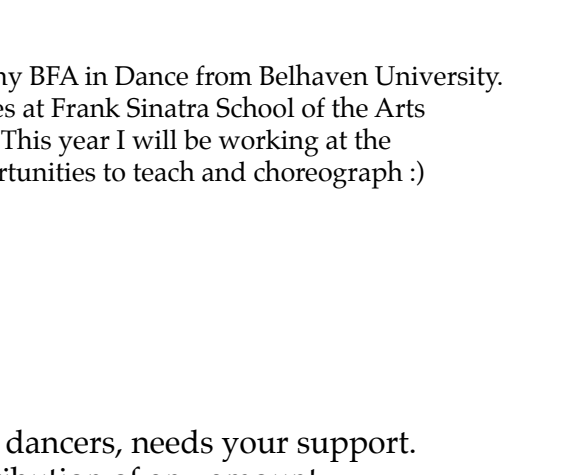
In Sept. the Gala Opening of the Pearl Theatre in its new home on Theater Row, W. 42nd Street, featured YDC in our concert of original work.



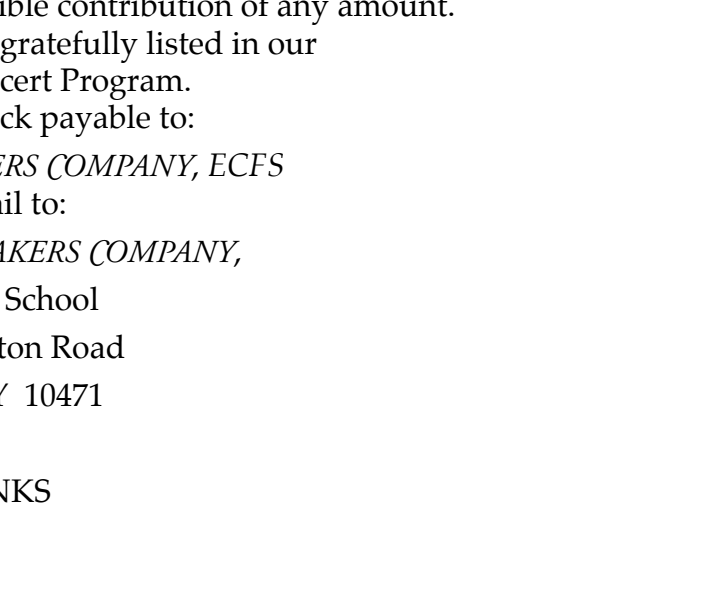
On October 15 YDC Director Alice Teirstein was awarded a New York Dance and Performance Award, known and honored throughout the dance world as a "Bessie," for her Service to the Field of Dance throughout her on-going career. The award, at the auspicious ceremony held at the famed Apollo Theater, was introduced to the enthusiastic audience by Stuart Hodes, Alice's former dance partner, and Rocafella, renowned hip-hop dancer who has led many workshops for Alice's Fieldston students. Many YDC students and staff were cheering in the audience. The ceremony, at which Paul Taylor was given an award for Lifetime Achievement, honored the achievements of many dancers, choreographers and dance designers.



Alice, Jenée, Rachel in audience



In November we had a rousing Reunion at Fieldston with alums from various years, and held our DVD Launch, screening the 2012 concert.



Approaching our 2012 concert DVD

Company members have come from NYC Public High Schools:

- A. Philip Randolph • Academy of American Studies • Adlai Stevenson • Aviation • Beant School • Benjamin Cardozo • Bergtraum • Brandeis • Bronx International H.S. • Bronx Leadership Academy • Bronx Theater High School • Brooklyn Technical • Bryant • Clara Barton • City-as-Schools • Columbus • Community International H.S. • 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. Ochs • James Monroe • John Bowne H.S. • LaGuardia H.S. of Music and Art and Performing Arts • Leon M. Goldstein • Long Island City H.S. • Lower Manhattan Arts Academy • Manhattan Center for Math and Science • Marble 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 • Stuyvesant • Talent Unlimited • Townsend Harris • University Neighborhood H.S. • Urban Assembly H.S. • Urban Peace Academy • Walton • Washington Irving • Wings Academy

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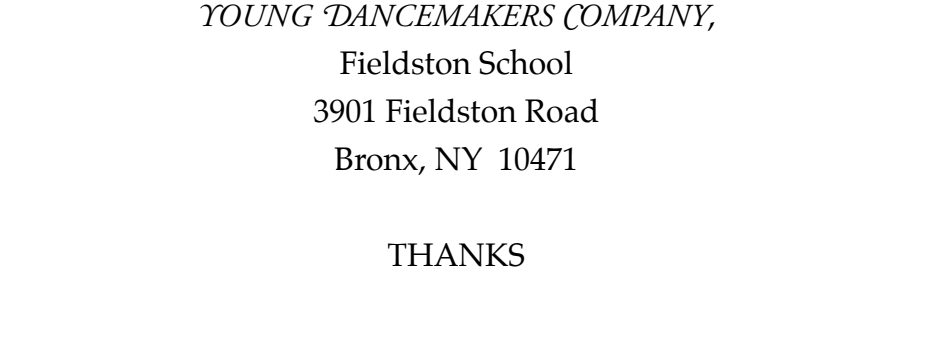
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Coming up:

AUDITIONS

For the 2013 Company
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 11 AM
at DANY Studios
305 West 38th Street

Audition information and Application can be downloaded from our web site:
www.youngdancemakerscompany.org
And visit our web site for 18th season
June 27th - Aug. 4th. Free touring performances all over town



2012 Robert (YDC) 2011 loads Everybody Dance 2012.

CALLING ALL YDC ALUMS

We need you for Everybody Dance!
Saturday, January 26 9-3
Lead community youngsters in making dances
Be a demonstrator/group leader
Get Community Service, if you need it
Breakfast and Lunch will be served

From YDC 2012

I can honestly say that as a dancer with a technical background, *Young Dancemakers* has allowed me to be so much more open to dance, improvisation, and even moving through space. I couldn't imagine myself as a dancer without this experience, it's made me love dance so much more.
Victoria Osuchowski

In YDC I surpassed limits I didn't even know I had.
Justin Torres

I discovered that I am not only a dancer but I am also a choreographer.
Alice Chacon

I have grown not only as a dancer but as a person as well.
Amber Clunie

YDC made me realize that performing is my thing. Most importantly, YDC has made me overcome my shyness and develop the strength to shape my ideas and embrace my talent.
Adelmari Rodriguez

Alum News Gabriel Spiller, YDC 2009: I am currently pursuing my BFA in Dance from Bethoven University. I have taught at local studios in Mississippi and master classes at Frank Sinatra School of the Arts and I have worked for Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet. This year I will be working at the American College Dance Festival and looking for more opportunities to teach and choreograph :)

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YDC, a unique, free, non-profit program for teen dancers, needs your support. We welcome your fully tax-deductible contribution of any amount.

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