

YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY NEWSLETTER

December 2015

20th SEASON

A note from Alice...

Our 20th Anniversary Season was a year full of celebrations:

- The 2015 company of 17 teens from 12 NYC public high schools, created a concert of 12 original student choreographed mindful works, performed July-August at eight prominent venues city-wide.
- Thanks to William Catanzaro, Music Director, for help with student music choices.
- Our 2015 Guest Repertory Project was Jessica Gaynor Dance. Company members Emily Diers and Kristi Tornga taught the daily classes in modern and ballet techniques, and assisted Jessica in setting the excerpts of "Hero" for our touring concert.
- Special workshops included Partnering Techniques, Bob Fosse Styles, a hip hop workshop, and a college seminar with representatives from 8 colleges.
- YDC is proud and happy to have Jessica Gaynor on board this year, and continuing in 2016, as YDC Associate Director. Jessica, Director of Jessica Gaynor Dance, is a Fieldston graduate, an MFA graduate of California Institute of the Arts, and was a former Program Assistant for YDC for several years.
- A memorable 20th Anniversary Celebration Concert featured 7 works by 7 alumni choreographers spanning two decades, 1998-2015. It was a stirring evening culminating in post-concert reminiscence as the fabulous choreographer/performers expressed their recollections and glowing appreciation of their YDC work through the years.
- Fall of 2015, I was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York State Dance Education Association, presented in a ceremony as part of the National Dance Education Organization's conference in Phoenix. And this month, the American Dance Guild honored esteemed choreographer Doug Varone, choreographer/writer/educator Liz Lerman, and me, with awards presented during their Performance Festival 2015 at the Ailey Citigroup Theater.
- We were further honored at the Festival with the Guild's presentation of a guest performance by YDC, performing an excerpt from our 2015 season, as well as the presentation of an edited version of the 2013 YDC documentary created by Greg Vander Veer.

Happy dancing!

Happy Holidays,

Alice



Auditions

For *YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY* 2016
Sunday, March 6, 11 AM
At NY Live Arts 219 West 19 Street, NYC

For Applications and Information visit the YDC website
www.youngdancemakerscompany.org
or email aliceteirstein@gmail.com

Must be in a NYC public high school, grades 9-12

21st Season June 29-August 5

Daily classes, workshops, rehearsals from 10 AM to 5 PM

A unique, free summer dance ensemble of NYC teens dedicated to creating their own original choreography and performing it in free touring concerts city-wide for audiences of up to 2000 young people and adults each season.

Announcing

FREE

SPECIAL EVENT: DAY OF DANCE

If you are thinking of auditioning for YDC,
this is your chance to check it out:

Monday, February 15, 10 AM – 4 PM (Presidents Day)
Fieldston School: 3901 Fieldston Road, Bronx, NY

Modern Technique Class

Improvisation Workshop

Composition Workshop/Share

Videos of past performances/ meet alumni

Bring lunch and water.

RSVP: aliceteirstein@gmail.com or 718-329-7300 ext. 3358

2015 Season

17 dancers, selected by audition from 12 NYC public high schools, created a concert of 12 original dances presented in free performances at 8 professional venues borough-wide NYC for approximately 2000 young people and adults.



2015 Guest Repertory Project:

Jessica Gaynor Dance

Touring Season 2015

- Fieldston School
- 92Y
- Queens Museum
- Kumbe Theater for the Performing Arts at LIU Brooklyn
- Symphony Space
- United Palace Theater
- Ailey Citigroup Theater

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION



Audience joins us on stage



Photos: Adrinne Lee

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Pre-season trips to professional dance concerts/Q&A with the artists/post concert suppers

- Hubbard Street Dance at Joyce Theater followed by Q&A with Artistic Director Glenn Edgerton
- Jessica Gaynor Dance at Danspace Project; post-concert Q&A with choreographer and Elizabeth Zimmer, Dance Writer
- Muller, Monte, Buglisi at NYLA: pre-concert discussion with the 3 choreographers, about their work
- La Noche Flamenca in "Antigona": Pre-workshop script reading of Sophocles Antigone; discussion with Artistic Director/Choreographer Martin Santangelo; workshop on Flamenco Dance with star Solidad Barrio
- 92Y "Dance Up" High school dance choreography competition, including a work by John Rosario, YDC'14

Special Workshops



College and Career Seminar with 8 college representatives



Bob Fosse Workshop with Peter Yuen



Hip Hop Workshop with Rokafella



Everybody Dance 2015
YDC's workshop for F.E.P. 6th graders.
Nhia Solari YDC '14 demonstrator

Reunion



Launch of 2015 concert video, lunch, dancing



Partnering Workshop with
Bridgman/Packer

The 20th Anniversary Alumni Celebration Concert featured the following YDC alum choreographers and dancers.

Thanks and congratulations to all:

Jessica Danser '98	Everett Johnson '05	Yaira Santos '08
Noelle Phillips '98	Molly Rappold '07	Kayla Cambridge '13
Indira White '05	Jonathan Gonzalez '08	Ivoryona Williams '14.

NEWS OF YDC ALUMS

Zaire Michel

YDC 2010

Hey YDC Alumn and Alice! I must say I'm still dancing! :) I just did a music video for Elijah Blake - "Everyday" and had the opportunity to work with Chris Grant. I run into many of the YDC Alums: Nerita, Zach, Adelmari, DeAndre and Kessie, in this commercial industry. I'm currently just auditioning, performing and training to get to the next level. I hope everyone is following their dreams! See you at the next reunion Hopefully.

Gabriel Speiller

YDC 2008

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I'm currently living in NYC and have been dancing with several different companies such as Katherine Maxwell's HIVE, Broken Box Dance Company, Awakening Movement, and Jessica Gaynor Dance Company. I'm also guesting for Frank Sinatra School of The Arts this year and will be teaching and choreographing for them.

Love you guys and best of luck with the upcoming year.

Forever your student,

Gabe

Jonathan Gonzalez

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News: I've recently finished the premiere of Patricia Hoffbauer's Dances for Intimate Spaces and Friendly People at Gibney Dance. I am currently a guest artist at Trinity College (Hartford, CT) producing a work with students as well as my own, performed on Nov 20 & 21. I am a 2015-16 Brooklyn Arts Exchange fellow under Paloma McGregor's Dancing While Black collaborative working on my solo work, the proto series, which premiered in Thomas DeFrantz and Niv Acosta's afroFUTUREqu#r festival at JACK, shown at the Blaktinx Performance Festival at BAAD! Nov. 14. The finalized work will be shown at BAX's works-in-progress showing in February. I am a 2015-16 New York Live Arts Fresh Tracks artist with long standing collaborator and improvisational partner EmmaGrace Skove-Epes to premiere our work on Feb. 5 & 6, with a studio series showing of a new work in July. I am in the beginnings of a creative process for Ni'Ja Whitson and Cynthia Oliver's new works, as well as working in production for Jaamil Olawale Kosoko and Urban Bush Women.

Thank you to the following individuals for their recent generous support of
YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY

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Dr. Charles Powell
Ms. Albertha Toppins
Beate and Joseph Becker
Ellen and Harold Diamond
Jennifer Lee Dana Smith

NEWS OF FACULTY

Alice Teirstein

Performed a duet with co-choreographer/performer Marsi Burns as part of David Parker's "Soaking Wet" concert season at WET, West End Theater, in September. In June I performed as a Guest Artist and choreographed a work for Naomi Goldberg's Dances for a Variable Population, presented in public spaces on the Upper West Side and again in September in Washington Square Park. I am a featured dancer/actress in David Finkelstein's film "The Linen Closet."

Jessica Gaynor

Since the YDC 2015 summer season ended, I have been very busy with my company! In August I taught a weeklong repertory workshop at Peridance, which many YDC 2015 alums attended and in September I was a guest choreographer for the Amalgamate Dance Company Showcase. My company has been working on a new evening-length piece that will premiere April 7-9, 2016 at Danspace Project, and I am thrilled to announce that I have hired YDC 2008 Alum Gabriel Speiller to join us for this project. Additionally, Jessica Gaynor Dance performed as part of the ADG Festival at Ailey Citigroup Theater on December 6th.

William Catanzaro

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Went to Buenos Aires to put on 2 smashing shows with friends and bandmates and is back in the studio in NY producing and recording.



Liz Lerman, Doug Varone and Alice Teirstein, recipients of American Dance Guild Awards, at the festival ceremony, Dec. 3, 2015

Special Thanks :

John-Mario Sevilla and the 92 Y for the opening week of YDC at the Y, and the opportunity to observe and share work with the DEL program

Jinny McGivern, lighting design at Ailey Theater

Noelle Phillips, YDC '98, auditions/gala assistant

Audrey Ross, publicity

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Ciara Bowen, YDC '13, Student Intern and Stage Manager

Gibney Dance, Space Grant

AND the NYC DOE high school dance teachers for their year-long dedication to dance education and training.

The Ethical Culture Fieldston School, our host since our beginnings in 1996:

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The Ethical Culture Fieldston School.



YDC performs "Journey" at the ADG festival concert as part of the awards ceremony

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WISHES ALL OUR FRIENDS, AUDIENCES, PRESENTERS, DANCE TEACHERS, DANCE STUDENTS, COLLEAGUES, SUPPORTERS, A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND DANCING NEW YEAR

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