

YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY NEWSLETTER

December 2016

21st SEASON

A note from Alice...

As I write this note, YDC has just completed a joyous Reunion Party, with alums from 2015 and 2016. The 21st annual YDC Reunion was filled with lively discussion, video, music and of course dancing, food, fun.

YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY, a unique, free summer teen ensemble featuring original choreography by teens, is entering its 22nd season in 2017, starting off with its second annual Day of Dance, a special event for potential YDC applicants to find out more about us (see details on this page).

The 2016 company, chosen from 12 NYC public high schools, toured to 8 theaters in Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, with free concerts of their 11 original works for thousands of enthusiastic young people and adults. Audiences joined the dancers in lively post-performance dance improvisation on stage.

William Catanzaro, YDC music director and percussionist at all performances, continues to be an invaluable music advisor to the company members.



Our 2016 Guest Repertory Project was an exciting work by Robert Battle, Artistic Director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. The work was expertly staged by Tyler Gilstrap, a member of Mr. Battle's former company.

Special workshops included Partnering Techniques, with Myrna Packer and Art Bridgman, a Bob Fosse Styles class with Peter Yuen, and a college seminar with representatives from 10 area colleges and universities. Wendy Phillips created fabulous costumes, and will continue as YDC costumer 2017.

Jessica Gaynor, who has served YDC in various capacities since 2007, continues in her role as YDC Associate Director. Jessica, a Fieldston graduate, an MFA graduate of California Institute of the Arts, and director of her own company, brings her artsy, experience, and leadership abilities to the role.

Donna Reyes continues in her helpful role as Office and Events Assistant. And we are forever grateful to Roura Rosales and the Ethical Culture Business Office for invaluable help and advice.

Plans are underway for our exciting 2017 season: city-wide touring; José Limón Guest Repertory Project; special workshops. Auditions for YDC 2017 coming up March 5.

Watch for performance tour dates. See you in the audience..... Happy dancing!

Alice

AUDITIONS

For **YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY 2017**
Sunday, March 5, 12 Noon
AlNY Live Arts 219 West 19th Street, NYC
Call backs: March 12 at 1pm

For Applications and Information visit the YDC website: www.youngdancemakerscompany.org or email: alicestein@gmail.com
Applicants must be in a NYC public high school, grades 9-12

22nd Season: June 29-August 6
Daily classes, workshops, rehearsals from 10 AM to 5 PM
Plus: José Limón Guest Repertory Project

YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY is 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.

Bring lunch and water.
RSVP: alicestein@gmail.com or 718-329-7300 ext. 3358
Teachers: tell your students

Monday, February 20, 10 AM - 4 PM (Presidents Day)
Fieldston School: 3901 Fieldston Road, Bronx, NY
Modern Technique Class
Improvisation Workshop
Composition Workshop and
Screen Videos of past performances/ meet alumni

Announcing
A FREE DAY OF DANCE

Following last year's successful introductory Day of Dance, we are offering another FREE opportunity to sample a day of **YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY**

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

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THE 2016 CITY-WIDE TOURING CONCERTS

The Company, selected by auditions from 12 NYC public high schools, created a concert of 11 original dances presented in free performances at 8 professional venues borough-wide NYC for approximately 2000 young people and adults.



Touring Season 2016

- Fieldston School, Bronx
- Kumbe Theater for the Performing Arts at LIU, Brooklyn
- Symphony Space, Manhattan
- 92nd Y, Manhattan
- Socrates Sculpture Park, Queens
- Riverside Theater, Manhattan
- Flamboyant Theater/Clemente Center, Manhattan
- Baruch College Performing Arts Center, Manhattan

POST-PERFORMANCE AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION



Robert Battle Repertory Project
Battlefield
staged by Tyler Gilstrap



Partnering
Workshop led by
Art Bridgman/Myrna Packer



Supper at the Dish after concert
at The Joyce



College seminar with representatives of:
Long Island University, Marymount Manhattan College,
Lehman College, Hofstra University, Montclair State University,
Adelphi University, Juilliard, Sarah Lawrence College,
NYU Tisch School of the Arts, and Rutgers University

THE DANCE NY PROJECT

Made possible by generous funding from the Emily E. Davie and Joseph S. Kornfeld Foundation

Pre-season tickets to professional NY dance concerts, seminars with the artistic directors/choreographers, lively post-concert suppers:

- Ballet BC British Columbia at the Joyce Theater
- Jessica Lang Dance Company at the Joyce Theater
- Susan Marshall Dance Company at The Kitchen
- Dance Up at the 92nd Y, with a work by a YDC '15 alum

Special Workshops



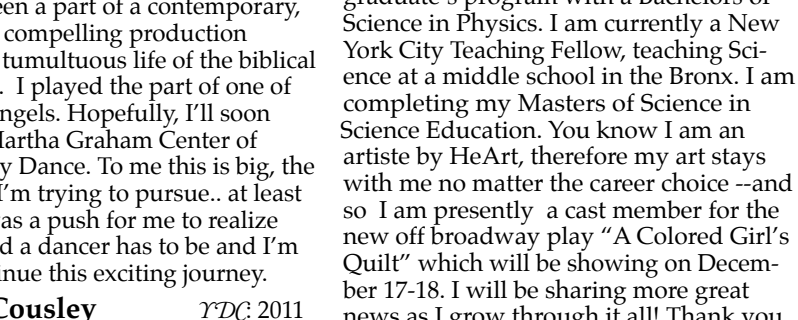
Bob Fosse Workshop with Peter Yuen



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Reunion October 2016

NEWS OF YDC ALUMS

Tevani Joseph YDC 2016
I am trying to start a new dance team at my new high school. I have one helper and still need an advisor and 3 other student helpers. I am looking for auditions for commercial dancing mostly but I have not been successful at finding anything yet. Love you guys so much and I'm looking forward to hearing from you guys again. Have another reunion soon please!!!!!!!

Kiana King YDC 2016
I just got accepted into exploring the arts internship for ABT. I am still waiting to continue my career in dance. I feel like the YDC intensive really expanded my horizons, in dance.

Kehari Hutchinson YDC 2016
As of now I am training in classical ballet at the New York Theater Ballet with a full scholarship. I am always creating, whether it is for myself or for other people. I will also start touring with the NYTB company in early December

Reyna Guerra YDC 2015
Since being a part of the company I have created many modern pieces for my school. I had the opportunity to perform in Carnegie Hall's production of West Side Story and New York City Center's Off-Broadway production of Runaways. I was recently accepted into Martha Graham's All-City Panoramia and will be performing with the company in February at the Joyce Theater.

Genesis Perdomo YDC 2015
This year I declared my major in Dance at Hunter College. Over the summer I was an ensemble member in Public Work's Shakespeare in the Park show at the Delacorte Theater "Twelfth Night." I also performed in Beverly Lopez's dance production, "Land of Concrete" at Lehman College in October.

Venus Scantlebury YDC 2015
I am currently auditioning to get my group dance viewed by the cast of Hamilton!

Jaidah McIntosh YDC 2015
Hey Alice, it's Jaidah. Since I left YDC I've had many opportunities in the dance world. I've been a part of a contemporary, dramatic and compelling production depicting the tumultuous life of the biblical character, Job. I played the part of one of the dancing angels. Hopefully, I'll soon be a part of Martha Graham Center of Contemporary Dance. To me this is big, the dance career I'm trying to pursue. At least so far, YDC was a push for me to realize how dedicated a dancer has to be and I'm ready to continue this exciting journey.

DeAndre Cousley YDC 2011
I've recently started dancing with Janis Brenner & Dancers. I will also be attending Manhattan Youth Ballet on Scholarship. Also I am in the works of creating my own podcast.

Gabrielle Vasquez YDC 2010
I was in my friend's dance company from 2014-2015. Most recently I moved to Northern California and hold a full time job as a customer service supervisor.

Zaire Michel YDC 2010
Hey Alice! Hey YDC Alums! I got to spend my summer in L.A! Booked a few gigs, came back to New York, got the opportunity to be on the VMA's. I'm planning on crossing more goals off my list for the end of 2017 going forward! See you guys soon and Much Love!

Jonathan Gonzalez YDC 2008
Performed recently with Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance, and with other companies.

Kayan James YDC 2007
After YDC I went on in hopes of pursuing a dance theatre degree but however graduated from Lehman College undergraduate's program with a Bachelors of Science in Physics. I am currently a New York City Teaching Fellow, teaching Science at a middle school in the Bronx. I am completing my Masters of Science in Science Education. You know I am an artist by heart, therefore my art stays with me no matter the career choice --and so I am presently a cast member for the new off Broadway play "A Colored Girl's Quilt" which will be showing on December 17-18. I will be sharing more great news as I grow through it all! Thank you for your continued support Alice and the YDC team! It's been such a long time!

Lisa M. Gay YDC 2006
Hi Alice. It was great to see you at the NDIO Conferencing in New York. I am currently a graduate student studying Dance Education in addition, I am studying a clientele in my Brooklyn neighborhood for students interested in dance.

Everett Johnson YDC 2005
Everett Johnson will be tying the knot to Cortez Lee Perry on November 19, 2016 in Charleston SC. Currently, he is on faculty at Winthrop University and Step South Dance in Rock Hill, SC. Everett's work "Baptism", which had its debut at the YDC Alumni Concert last year, has been presented at concerts in Charlotte NC and Washington D.C. this year. Hope you are doing well and I'll talk to you soon.

NEWS OF FACULTY

Alice Teirstein
Performed in April in "From the Horses Mouth" at the 14th St. Y, in a tribute to Gus Solomons jr, a renowned choreographer/dancer/teacher (he once choreographed a trio for Stuart Hodes, Gus and me, performed at Joe's Pub). In June, commissioned by Naomi Goldberg as part of her "Dances for a Variable Population." I co-created a duet with Jim May, noted choreographer, dancer, and disciple of Anna Sokolow, which we performed for large audiences at the NY Botanical Gardens, West Harlem Pier at 125th St, and other city locations

Jessica Gaynor
My company, Jessica Gaynor Dance, premiered "The Location of Figures" in April at Dancespace Project @ St. Mark's Church. YDC 2008 alum Gabe Speller performed magnificently in the work, and YDC 2013 alum Clara Bowen worked as house manager. The work was also performed at Triskelion Arts' Spring Gala.

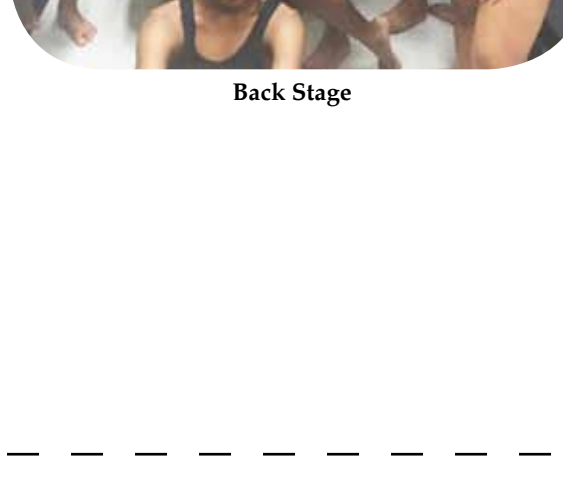
William Catanzaro
is busy creating music for a Merce Cunningham Event set by Holly Farmer to be performed live at Sarah Lawrence College December 12, 13, 2016. In March 2017 he will be traveling to London for a residency working with local musicians and dancers on a new Performing Arts Project. A CD and DVD titled "Pale or Little Color" will accompany. He is thrilled to be working with Alice and Jessica in another exciting YDC season. See you all soon!

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Finding Their Voices
New York teens make dances in Alice Teirstein's unique five-week summer intensive
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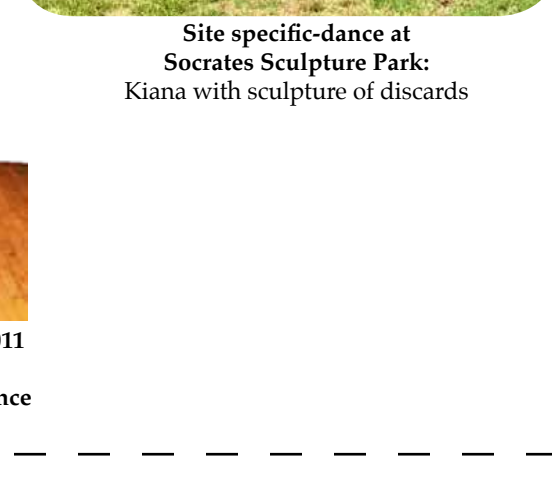
On Tour



Back Stage



Nerita Macfarlane, YDC 2011
visits
Clemente Center performance



Site specific-dance at
Socrates Sculpture Park.
Kiana with sculpture of discards

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Season Highlights/Thanks
Thanks to the 92 Y: John-Mario Sevilla, Jody Arnold, for the opening week of YDC at the Y, and the opportunity to observe and share work with the DEL program.
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Noelle Phillips, YDC '98, auditions/gala assistant
Ciara Bowen, YDC '13, Stage Manager

YDC joins Riverdale in bidding Farewell to Susan and Barry Dratel, as they sojourn to Florida, leaving many friends and memories, including Susan's years of devotion to the work of **YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY** as all-around helper for so many wonderful years early on. Please wish you and all good things. We visit soon and often. Love you,
Alice and YDC

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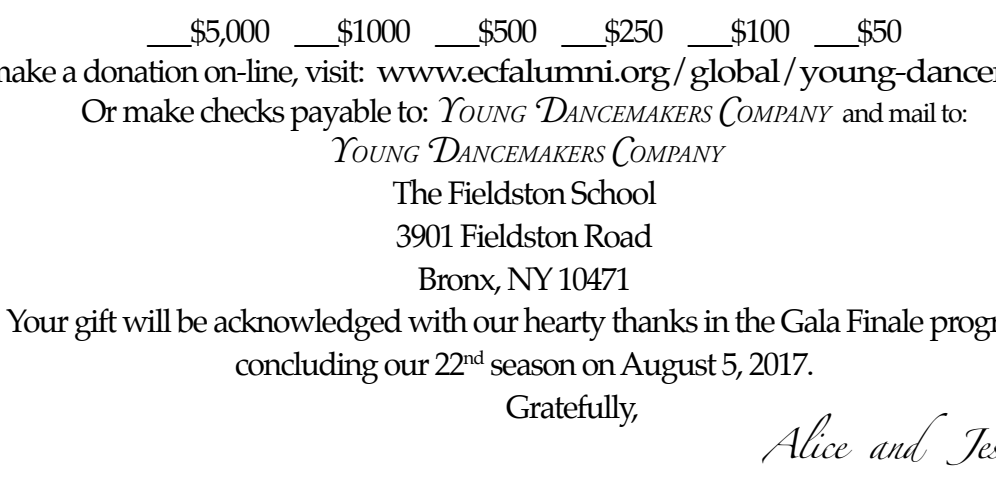
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WISHES ALL OUR FRIENDS, AUDIENCES, PRESENTERS, DANCE TEACHERS, DANCE STUDENTS, COLLEAGUES, SUPPORTERS,
A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND
DANCING NEW YEAR
ALICE TEIRSTEIN: DIRECTOR
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Thanks to the program directors throughout the city who have given performance opportunities to our future choreographers and dancers:
Since 1996 YDC has given free concerts to audiences of community groups from throughout the city • Baruch College Performing Arts Center • Bridging the Hood United Neighborhood Houses • Chelsea Performing Arts Center • Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance • Brooklyn Museum • Chelsea Art Museum • Tribeca Piers for hundreds of spectators • Dance Theater Workshop • Dancemon Downtown Festival '97, '98, '00 and '03 at the Joyce Solo Theatre • Dancing in the Millennium: The international conference 2000 in Washington, DC Performance/demonstration called a "highlight of the conference" • Dancing in the Streets • Fieldston School • Flamboyant Theater Clemente Center • Flushing Town Hall • 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 • Kumbe Theater, LIU • Loving Theatre, Lehman College, The Bronx • Queens Library • Riverside Theater • Queens Museum of Art • Schomburg Center/ NYPL • Socrates Sculpture Park • Stern Auditorium / M.T. Sinal Dance Educators Lab • The Ailey Dance Camp • The Arts at University Settlement • The Bridge for Dance: Part of the Uptown 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, Massachusetts • The NYC Board of Ed, High School Principals Leadership Institute on Arts Education • The Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY • The Point, a community development initiative in the Hunts Point section of the South Bronx • The Police Athletic League • The World Trade Center • The Yard / Martha's Vineyard, MA • United Palace • UP! On the Roof at John Jay College Theater

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We are committed to continuing our unique contribution to dance and dance education with our one-of-a-kind free program,
Please join us in our journey.

- Free training of NYC teens in our Fieldston studios
- Original student choreography
- Free public concerts for thousands of young people and adults

Yes I want to support the next generation of emerging dance artists with my fully Tax-deductible contribution to YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY:



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Gratefully,

Alice and Jessica