

## **Dance Portal Partners**

The Children's Museum is grateful to all the performers and dance companies who have shared their love of dancing with our audience. It is an honor and pleasure to work with so many extraordinary dancers, dance educators and choreographers. You can learn more about some of our partners who are featured in the dance portal below.

## Portal Participants (as of June 9, 2017)

Our immersive video projection dome dance portal lets children and families watch, learn and dance along with renowned professional, community, and student dance companies from New York and abroad. We hope your visit will inspire you to check out their websites to learn more about their work.



## Ajna Dance Company

Ajna Dance Company is New York's premier Indian dance ensemble and school, specializing in artistic and authentic choreography. The company was created in 2012 to share Indian dance in all its forms – folk, classical, and film – with a global and diverse audience.





### **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater**

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has performed in 71 countries on 6 continents since 1958, using the African-American cultural experience and the American modern dance tradition in a universal celebration of the human spirit. The organization has grown to include Ailey II, The Ailey School, Ailey Arts In Education &

Community Programs and The Ailey Extension, offering performances, training, and educational programs for all. <u>alvinailey.org</u> *Photo credit: Paul Kolnik* 



## **Ballet Hispánico**

America's premier Latino dance organization for more than 45 years, Ballet Hispánico brings communities together to celebrate and explore Latino cultures and the shared human experience through dance. Through performances of its internationally-acclaimed Company, innovative dance training programs, and

community education activities that inspire individuals of all ages and backgrounds, Ballet Hispánico brings the joy of dance and Hispanic culture to the world. <u>ballethispanico.org</u> *Photo credit: Paula Lobo*.



### **Bare Feet with Mickela Mallozzi**

Bare Feet with Mickela Mallozzi is the three-time Emmy® Award-winning dance travel TV series, highlighting traditional dance and music culture from each country and destination visited around the globe. From re-discovering her family's roots in Southern Italy to dancing tango in Buenos Aires, the series covers Mickela's

adventures as she experiences the world, one dance at a time. <u>travelbarefeet.com</u> *Photo credit: Madina Khusanova*.



### Blanca Li

Blanca Li is a dancer, choreographer and film director from Granada, Spain. Besides touring worldwide with her flagship dance company, she has created choreographies for the Paris Opera Ballet, the Metropolitan Opera, filmmakers Pedro Almodovar or Michel Gondry and musicians Beyoncé, Daft Punk,

Paul McCartney, Kanye West and Coldplay, among many others. Her director's credits include 5 feature films. <u>blancali.org</u>



#### Elisa Monte Dance

Elisa Monte Dance emphasizes three main objectives: train and maintain a corps of professional dancers of multi-ethnic origin capable of meeting the artistic and physical demands of the choreography; Educate individuals in the art of movement and in appreciation of

live dance performance; and collaborate with distinguished artists across other disciplines. <u>elisamontedance.org</u>



dancingclassrooms.org

## **Dancing Classrooms**

The mission of Dancing Classrooms is to cultivate essential life skills in children through the art of social dance. Dancing Classrooms' vision is to help create schools and communities where every child is connected, respected, and provided a safe environment in which to thrive.



# Féraba - African Rhythm Tap Company

A multicultural and multiethnic performance group, Féraba fuses the traditional sounds and movements of West Africa with the American artistic forms of tap dance and jazz in a unique and exciting way. <a href="feraba.com">feraba.com</a>



### Halau Hula Kealohilani

At the Halau Hula Kalohilani dance school, students study the art of Hula, along with Hawaiian history and culture. Hula is thought of not only as a dance but also a heartbeat of the Hawaiian people, which is a way of life, a way to Aloha. <a href="https://halauhulaohokulani.org">halauhulaohokulani.org</a>



theater, and song.

#### KaNu Dance Theater

The mission of KaNu Dance Theater is to promote change and peace in Haiti and throughout the diaspora. Creating an awareness and promoting social justice through Haitian heritage, history and culture. KaNu is an abbreviation for "Ka Pa Nou" in Haitian-Kreyol, which means "our situation." We are sharing KaNu through dance,



# **Mark Morris Dance Group**

The mission of the Mark Morris Dance Group is to develop, promote, and sustain dance, music, and opera productions by Mark Morris and to serve as a cultural resource to engage and enrich the community. markmorrisdancegroup.org

Photo credit: Juilieta Cervantes.



# Martha Graham Dance Company

The Martha Graham Dance Company has been a leader in contemporary dance since 1926. Today, the Company is embracing a new programming vision that showcases masterpieces by Graham alongside newly commissioned works by contemporary artists. With programs that offer a rich thematic narrative, the Company creates

new platforms for contemporary dance and multiple points of access for audiences. *Dance portal video credit*: Morehead Planetarium and Science Center. <u>marthagraham.org</u> *Photo credit*: *Hibbard Nash Photography*.



### **New York Theatre Ballet**

New York Theatre Ballet's mission is to perform a unique repertory of classic masterpieces and new contemporary works for adults and novel ballets for young children, all at affordable prices. The mission is carried out in the work of the Professional Company, its Ballet School NY and its LIFT Community Service Program. nytb.org

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## **Silva Dance Company**

Founded by renowned dancers Leandro Santos Silva and Janete Silva, the Silva Dance Company offers a masterful look into Brazilian Dance. The repertoire borrows from capoeira and Afro-Brazilian dance traditions, and contemporary and modern techniques. silvadancecompany.com



# Steps on Broadway

Steps on Broadway, founded in 1979, is the epicenter of New York's professional dance community. It is home to many world-renowned teachers, and is a training ground for generations of aspiring and professional dancers. Classes are offered daily at all levels supplemented by workshops, master classes, and the Professional

Training Program. The School at Steps offers year-round programs for ages 18 months to 18

years. stepsnyc.com

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### **Thunderbird American Indian Dancers**

Established in 1963, the Thunderbird American Indian Dancers are the longest running resident New York City Native American Dance Company. Their mission is to preserve and perpetuate American Indian cultures and promote a more realistic understanding of Native American cultures through their performances and other

activities. thunderbirdamericanindiandancers.org

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