

Thursday, May 9, 2024

## Dance for Dance for Social Change 2024

Company: Mark DeGarmo Dance  
Venue: St. Mary's Church  
Location: New York, NY

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April 2024, New York, NY

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Mark DeGarmo Dance's DANCE FOR DANCE (D4D) FOR SOCIAL CHANGE 2024 honors acclaimed Dancers, Teachers, Directors, and Choreographers Phyllis Lamhut & Douglas Dunn with its "Educational Visionary" Lifetime Achievement Award 2024 presented by Alberto del Saz & Joan Finkelstein. Thursday, May 9, 2024, 6:30-9:00 PM, St. Mary's Church, NYC's Lower East Side. D4D raises awareness & funds for NYC Public Elementary School Dance & Literacy work.

WHEN: Thursday, May 9th, 2024 6:30-9:00 PM

WHERE: St. Mary's Church, 440 Grand Street (east of Clinton Street) NY, NY 10002

TRAVEL: The site is one block south of Delancey Street and 3 blocks east of the F, J, M Delancey/Essex subway station. There is municipal parking on Essex St.

TICKETS, SPONSORSHIPS, & DONATIONS: <https://bit.ly/41Oq5GE>

Donations by Check: Dynamic Forms, Inc., PO Box 218, Ancram, NY 12502-0218

SILENT AUCTION 2024: <https://new.biddingowl.com/D4Dsilentauction2024>

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Mark DeGarmo Dance's Dance for Dance for Social Change 2024 celebrates MDD's 37th anniversary as a leading NYC not-for-profit dance organization. The party celebrates our 37-year commitment to bring our scientifically evidence-based dance-and-literacy program to the least-resourced public elementary students of color, communities, and families in all five NYC boroughs. Without us, there is often no dance in these schools. The celebration includes food and drink, a dance lesson, dancing to DJ Steve, a silent auction, and a showcase of the children dancing. We honor acclaimed Dancers, Teachers, Directors, and Choreographers Phyllis Lamhut & Douglas Dunn with our "Educational Visionary" Lifetime Achievement Award 2024. We welcome Alberto del Saz & Joan Finkelstein as guest presenters.

Dance for Dance is an annual community celebration that raises awareness and funds to support our vision, mission, and programs. That mission integrates education, performance, and intercultural community through dance. We use dance to engage and empower students. Our program, Partnerships in Literacy through Dance and Creativity, was cited as "a national model" by the National Endowment for the Arts. President Obama commended Dr. DeGarmo and Mark DeGarmo Dance for "your service to your communities and the nation." Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer designated Nov. 17, 2017 as "Mark DeGarmo Dance Day in Manhattan." Miss America 2019 Nia Imani Franklin accepted MDD's Arts Education Advocacy Award 2019.

### ABOUT Phyllis Lamhut

Phyllis Lamhut, choreographer of 100+ works, principal dancer for 20 years with Nikolais Dance Theater and Murray Louis Dance Company, performed globally on stages, television, and National Endowment for the Arts Dance Touring and Artists in Education programs. Phyllis Lamhut Dance Company was formed in 1970. She directed National Association of Regional Ballet Craft of Choreography Conference; National Canadian Composer/Choreographer Seminar; Dance and Music Workshop, Israel; Venice Biennale Move Man project; Carlisle Project New Impulses; and was Choreography Advisor/Editor for Joyce-Soho Residency. She is a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, awards from NYS Council on the Arts and NY Foundation for the Arts, Mary Flagler Charitable Trust, and Meet the Composer/Choreography Project. The National Endowment for the Arts awarded her 16 Choreography Fellowships. She was on the NYU Tisch School of the Arts faculty 1987-2022. In 2013, she was Balasaraswati/Joy Ann Dewey Bienenke Endowed Chair for Distinguished Teaching from American Dance Festival. In 2022, American Dance Guild awarded her a Lifetime Achievement Award.

### ABOUT Douglas Dunn

Douglas Dunn is a New York dancer and choreographer working since 1971. He was a member of Merce Cunningham Dance Company (1969-73), and a founding member of Grand Union, a troupe that rollicked from 1970 to 1976. Following duet, solo, and film work in the 1970s, he formed Douglas Dunn + Dancers in 1978. In 1980 he set Stravinsky's Pulcinella on Paris Opera Ballet. He collaborates with poets, painters, sculptors, musicians, composers and playwrights. In 1998 he was awarded a NY Dance and Performance Award (Bessie) for Sustained Achievement, and in 2008 was honored by the French government as Chevalier in the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. He leads Douglas Dunn + Dancers, teaches Open Structures at New York University's Steinhardt School, and presents salons at his studio at 541 Broadway, Manhattan. His book of collected writings, *Dancer Out of Sight*, is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

### ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Joan Finkelstein (EdD), Executive Director of the Harkness Foundation for Dance, was Director of Dance at the NYC Department of Education and Director of 92Y Harkness Dance Center. She has performed with modern and Afro-Haitian companies and on Broadway, choreographed for modern and ballet companies, and taught children and adults nationwide. Ms. Finkelstein will be presenting the "Educational Visionary" Lifetime Achievement Award 2024 to Douglas Dunn.

Alberto "Tito" del Saz, Director of the Nikolais/Louis Foundation for Dance, was lead soloist with the internationally acclaimed Nikolais Dance Theater and has appeared for President Reagan at the Kennedy Center Honors, as well as on American Masters series in "Nik and Murray," and has represented the United States State Department on a tour of India. Mr. Del Saz will be presenting the "Educational Visionary" Lifetime Achievement Award 2024 to Phyllis Lamhut.

#### ABOUT DANCE FOR DANCE's HONOREES

Mark DeGarmo Dance has honored USA and global artists, educators, scholars, activists, and outstanding citizens. "Educational Visionary" Lifetime Achievement Awardees include educational theorist Maxine Green (2013); actor, writer, director, and Co-Founder of The Living Theatre Judith Malina (2014); classical ballet luminaries Oleg Briansky and Mireille Brienne (2015); dance author, critic, and educator Deborah Jowitt (2016); dancer, choreographer, and dance educator Patricia Aulestia (2017); Inaugural "Arts Education Advocate" Awardee opera singer, composer, arts education advocate, and Miss America 2019, Nia Imani Franklin; and "Dance Ambassador" 2023 Awardee dancer, teacher, director, filmmaker Christine Dakin (2023).

#### EX OFFICIO COMMITTEE (In formation)

Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine; NYC Council Member Christopher Marte, District 1; NYC Council Member Erik Bottcher, District 3; NYC Council Member Diana Ayala, District 8; NYC Council Member Shahana Hanif, District 39; NY Assembly Member Micheal Novakov, District 45; NY State Assembly Member Harvey Epstein, District 74; NY State Senator Roxane J. Persaud, District 19; & NY State Senator Brian Kavanagh, District 27

#### ABOUT MARK DeGARMO DANCE (MDD) AND MARK DeGARMO

Mark DeGarmo Dance's home is Studio Theater 310 at The Clemente Soto Vélaz Cultural & Educational Center on Manhattan's Lower East Side, since 2001. MDD educates NYC communities and children; creates, performs, and disseminates original artistic and scholarly work; and builds intercultural community through dance, working in NYC, USA, and internationally. MARK DeGARMO, (PhD, BFA) MDD Founder, Executive & Artistic Director, is a dancer/performer, choreographer, writer, researcher, learning theorist. Honors include Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship (Peru), Martha Hill Dance Fund Mid-Career Award (USA), USA Department of State American Cultural Specialist Award (Ecuador), and

The White House Millennium Artist Program.

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