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Saturday, May 18, 2019

13th Annual Dance Parade & Festival

Company: Dance Parade

Venue: Broadway & 21st to Tompkins Sq Park (Festival)

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JOIN THE "MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE" AT THE 13TH ANNUAL

DANCE PARADE AND DANCEFEST ON SATURDAY, MAY 18TH.

10,000 DANCERS DANCE DOWN BROADWAY WITH GRAND MARSHALS

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Open Call to Dancers -- Join in the 13th Annual Dance Parade, Saturday, May 18, with more than 10,000 paraders - students to professionals, young and old, with color, costumes, and music engaging in 80 unique styles of dance and culture.

"With all the rhetoric of walls and xenophobia, it's important that we acknowledge and support cultural treasures that exist across the world and here in New York," said Greg Miller, Dance Parade's executive director. "This year's honorees for Grand Marshal were selected based on their commitment to promoting diversity, equity, humanity inclusion and unity, in their art and work. Dance is truly a universal language and the Parade and DanceFest really is a Movement of the People."

Headlining the event as Grand Marshals are Tony award winners Bill T. Jones and Baayork Lee as well as Native American Louis Mofsie and DJ Dara.

On May 18, at 12:45pm the annual event kicks off at 21st and Broadway and brings together dancers from around the city and as far away as Japan to showcase dance styles in a cross-cultural, rhythm-infused magical display of human movement, art and color. Dance styles reflect the cosmopolitan legacy of the city and the elastic inventiveness of the form, and include African, Asian-Indian, avant garde contemporary, ballet, bhangra, Bolivian

Tinkus, Brazilian zouk, breakdance, Chinese, contemporary, hip-hop, Irish, Indonesian, Jamaican Dance Hall, lindy hop, modern, roller disco, salsa, samba, Tahitian and tango.

"I'm so happy to share the beautiful music and dance of flamenco with the people of New York!" announced Xianxix Barrera, Artistic Director, Xianix Barrera Flamenco.

Leading the parade will be over 200 enthusiastic city youth and elders dancing their "debut on Broadway" and having the fun of their lives.

The young and old dancers will have participated in a ten-week education program of dance workshops sponsored by New York City Departments of Parks and Recreation and funded by New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. The workshops are run in schools, recreation centers and city parks in Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan.

Though the cabaret law has been repealed the parade will honor its roots with a presence by the New York Dance Police (NYDP) – a jovial group of uniformed officers inspiring the crowds to dance and celebrate the spirit of Dance Parade. In contrast to the real Dance Police of the Mayor Giuliani era, anyone caught not dancing could be cited with a summons to attend a free dance class or party in the city.

For our Media Kit including high resolution photos and more information about Dance Parade and our education programs please visit: <http://danceparade.org/media-kit-press-releases>

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