

June, 18-20, 2020

## Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company announces "Dance for Social Justice" - Three Free Days of Virtual Dance Classes to Support Social Jus

Company: Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company  
 Venue: Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company  
 Location: New York, NY

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The dancers of the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, a group of young artists of various immigrant, gender, racial and ethnic origins, have come together to raise their voices in support of our diverse communities during these turbulent times. Due to the stay-at-home order, all Company rehearsals and classes are being conducted virtually, and have been since March. Recently the Company met virtually to discuss the many issues that have challenged our society and changed the way we live our lives. The members of the company observed the increase in hate crime against Asian Americans, recent rallies against racism towards black people, and the disproportionate, ongoing suffering in minority and lower-income communities in this pandemic. Company members and Nai-Ni Chen are all in agreement that more efforts are needed. To begin, Company members have joined together to create a new Dance for Social Justice program, and they are inviting the public for a series of three days of free virtual dance classes. The dancers hope class participants will be inspired to donate to non-political, community advocacy organizations. Such donations are voluntary and at the participants' discretion. Future actions will be announced in the summer as New York and New Jersey open for public gathering. The first series of "Dance for Social Justice" will be offered on June 18, 19, 20, 2020, 4PM to 6PM, Thursday through Saturday, 4PM to 6PM. Registration for Virtual classes can be accessed by going to <https://forms.gle/QyoLSEouvdF2vYc9> Dance for Social Justice is supported by DanceNYC Advancement Fund. About Nai-Ni Chen Hailed as a Spiritual Choreographer by Dance Magazine and recipient of multiple choreographic fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Nai-Ni Chen has been creating dances professionally for over thirty years in the United States. She has built a diverse repertory of over 80 original works and toured to major venues in the US and international contemporary dance festivals in 12 countries. She will be teaching her signature technique KINETIC SPIRAL which is a blend of the dynamic, ever-evolving spirit of contemporary dance and the grace and splendor of the Chinese artistic traditions. About Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company A blossom of color, energy, and motion, "like endlessly proliferating forces of cosmic energy," says the New York Times. Bringing the dynamic freedom of American modern dance together with the elegant splendor of Asian art, the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company is one of the most visible Asian American dance companies in America. Ms. Chen's unique choreography transports audiences beyond cultural boundaries to the common ground between tradition and innovation, discipline and freedom, and form and spirit. Since its inception in 1988, the company has earned a broad base of public support and has toured extensively to major performing arts centers throughout more than thirty states. Presented by some of the most prestigious concert halls in the United States, from the Joyce Theater in New York to the Ordway Center in Minnesota and the Cerritos Center in California, the Company has mounted more than twenty national tours and nine tours abroad. Ms. Chen's work has been presented by such acclaimed international festivals as the Silesian International Contemporary Dance Festival and the Konfrontations International Dance Festival, both in Poland, the Chang Mu International Arts Festival in Korea and the Meet in Beijing International Arts Festival. The Company was also honored by a distinctive grant award from both the President's Committee on Arts and Humanities and the Department of State to represent the United States in a seven-city tour arranged by the Tamaulipas International Arts Festival in Mexico. Also, the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company has the unique honor of having received more than fifteen awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and numerous Citations of Excellence and grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. In addition to its extensive season of touring and performing, the company has developed Arts in Education residency programs in school districts to bring culture and arts into educational settings. It's colorful and engaging in-school assembly program "The Art of Chinese Dance" has been presented in hundreds of schools in NJ, NY, CT, and PA, reaching hundreds of thousands of youth. The Company is currently in-residence at New Jersey City University and assisting NJCU in the development of a new BFA in Dance. For additional Company information, visit our website, [www.nainichen.org](http://www.nainichen.org); write to Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company, P.O. Box 1121, Fort Lee, NJ 07024; or call (800) 650-0246.

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 June 18, 2020: 4:00pm  
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 June 20, 2020: 4:00pm