

May 31 - August 23, 2019

## FJK DANCE "Black Box" Fusion of Culture and Dance Repertoire Series

Company: FJK DANCE  
Venue: John Jay College Black Box Theater  
Location: New York, NY

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FJK DANCE in "HOME"; Photo credit: Jaqlin Medlock

THE FJK DANCE "BLACK BOX" PERFORMANCE SERIES "A FUSION OF CULTURE AND DANCE" - THE FOURTH FJK REPERTOIRE PERFORMANCE TO TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20 AT JOHN JAY COLLEGE BLACK BOX THEATER

### BREAKING BOUNDARIES AND BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH DANCE

Fadi J. Khoury's [FJK Dance](#) will return for the fourth performance of their "Black Box" *Fusion of Culture and Dance* repertoire series on Friday, May 31 at John Jay College Black Box Theater, 524 West 59th Street, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. *HOME*, a ballet reflecting resilience in the face of war, hope, and an abiding belief in trust, will be presented that evening. A work for ten dancers, *HOME* represents Fadi Khoury's childhood aspirations in Iraq. A "Talk Back" with Fadi Khoury and audience reception with the dancers will follow the performance. [VIDEO](#) Tickets: \$45 <https://fjkdance.org/2019-blackbox>

Each of the FJK *Fusion of Culture and Dance* performances will provide an immersive, cross-cultural dance experience. The Fusion series is theme-based; each of the FJK "Black Box" evenings feature a different work from the company repertoire. The program will continue on Thursday, July 18 and Friday, August 23, all at 6:30pm, lineup to be announced.

The "Black Box" dance series found its inspiration from FJK's weekly site specific performance workshops developed for NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County (Brooklyn, N.Y.). Believing dance has the power to bring people together and insert positive energy into our communities, the FJK Dance NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County program hopes to remove the stigma of, and enable the public to better understand, psychiatric illness and wellness. Site specific performances from the FJK repertoire, performed throughout the hospital, hope to create an emotional difference for patients and staff. The John Jay series will help refine that role, with the audience "Talk Back" serving to explore the depth of each repertoire piece and discuss what dance can do to facilitate mental health. Positive images are explored.

*In July 2018 FJK Dance was named "Artist in Residence" at NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County.*

THE FJK DANCE "BLACK BOX" PERFORMANCE SERIES - A FUSION OF CULTURE AND DANCE "HOME" - Thurs., June 20 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm Tickets: \$45 <https://fjkdance.org/2019-blackbox>

### ABOUT FJK DANCE:

FJK Dance is a contemporary dance company founded in 2014 by Fadi J. Khoury and Sevin Ceviker. Argentinean Tango, Ballroom dance, Jazz and Middle Eastern folkloric movement combine to create FJK DANCE "blended" choreography. The company's distinctive mix of styles hopes to facilitate connections in our differences and communicate peace, diversity and tolerance. Fadi Khoury's fusion choreography and artistic collaborations aim to break boundaries and build bridges through dance.

According to Artistic Director Fadi Khoury, *"FJK Dance hopes to raise awareness of the values of freedom and diversity, and most of all the opportunity and hope the USA has for refugees and immigrants. Through our performances we also hope to celebrate Middle Eastern heritage, and raise awareness of the positive and artistic influence of this culture. A Fusion of Culture and Dance will embody hope, resilience, tolerance and peace... the passion in our dance is intended to offer prayers for hope and a new beginning."* - Fadi J. Khoury

PERFORMANCE REEL: <https://vimeo.com/307964506>

### ABOUT FADI J. KHOURY, FJK Dance Artistic Director:

Fadi J. Khoury's innovative style – both as dancer and choreographer – showcases his life-long immersion in a world of dance forms. He was born in Baghdad, Iraq, surrounded by the folkloric music and dance of Arab culture. When Fadi was thirteen, he moved to Beirut, Lebanon, where he trained in classical ballet and folkloric dance, but also in Modern, Jazz, and Ballroom. Still in his teens, he began experimenting with the eclecticism that has defined his work ever since. [Read more>>>](#)

FJK Dance *"strips away unnecessary glitter from these forms to emphasize the beauty of movement itself..."*The New York Times

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524 West 59th Street  
New York, NY, 10019

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