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Upcoming Reminders:



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE
NDEO CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD - SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25TH
NDEO VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH EARLY VOTING IN NYC BEGINS VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31TH
HAPPY HALLOWEEN

*More info further down!

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Learn with us today, lead with us tomorrow, dance with us always.





Please be sure to add the AGDEP email to your contact email list to avoid newsletters from going to your spam folder.

Add the email address: <u>agdephonors@gmail.com</u> and never worry about missing an AGDEP email again!

If you are having trouble receiving AGDEP emails or need help with adding the AGDEP email to your contact list please reach out to the adgephonors@gmail.com for further assistance!

Create Our Hunter College NHSDA logo!

REMINDER SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE 10/26

Calling all artists!!! We need your help!
We are in the process of putting together a pop-up virtual store for Hunter NHSDA apparel and we want one of you to create the logo!

SEE EXAMPLE BELOW





Logo designs can be anything! Have a great action photo shot you think might be cool? Send it as a silhouette. Check out the example on the left as a guide! Apps like "Silhouette Maker" are great for making quick silhouettes. Or just send us an awesome photo and we will take care of the silhouette!



10/26: ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE

11/2: FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

11/2-11/13: VOTE VOTE VOTE!

WINNER ANNOUNCED
NOVEMBER 16TH!!!

Open to all Hunter Dance/Dance Ed students, PLUS any elementary or secondary students taught by the Dance Ed cohorts.

Check out our FaceBook page for more details!

NDEO Conference Registration

FINAL Deadline October 23, 2020

NDEO is committed to making the 2020 NDEO Virtual Conference accessible to as many people as possible. Discounted rate registration is now CLOSED.

There are only a few spots left at the \$195 and \$295 rate but payment is required at the time of registration by credit card or Paypal.

please contact NDEO at conference@ndeo.org for any questions



Why did the dancer cross the road?

Because she had to do the combination on the other side!

REGISTRATION FEE OPTIONS:

- Regular Registration w/ donation (full access): \$295
- Regular Registration (full access): \$195
- Reduced Fee Option 1 (full access): \$120 SOLD OUT
- Reduced Fee Option 2 (full access): \$85 SOLD OUT
- Reduced Fee Option 3 (full access): \$50- SOLD OUT



UPCOMING DEL EVENTS

If interested, please e-mail Erin Lally, Director Dance Education Laboratory (DEL) at elally@92y.org

DEL DANCE FILM: AN IMMERSIVE INTRODUCTION

Dates: October 12, 19, and 26 Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm EST Pricing: \$135 FREE for AGDEP students (registration fee only)

Instructors: Online Class with Andrew Chapman, Alexis Garay, MA & Randi Sloan, MA



UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS



AGDEP Alumna & NYSDEA Leadership Award
Recipient Shola K. Roberts has founded an
international dance festival, Dance Grenada, that will
take place on October 23rd-25th. Check out the
website dancegrenada.com for details!

OCTOBER 23-25

RSVP HERE







The Hunter campus schools have immediate openings for per diem substitute teachers and \$15 per hour aides/monitors, particularly for the high school.

Interested candidates should reach out to

Lisa Siegman:

<u>lsiegman@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu</u>



DANCE IN THE NEWS



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Ballet Hispánico Celebrates 50 Years As Ambassadors Of Latinx Dance

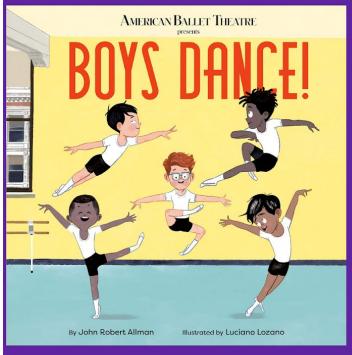
October 12, 2020 · 4:03 PM ET Heard on All Things Considered





BOOK OF THE MONTH

CLICK PICTURE TO PURCHASE ON AMAZON



Boys who love to dance are center stage in this encouraging, positive, rhyming picture book about guys who love to pirouette, jeté, and plié. Created in partnership with the American Ballet Theatre and with the input of their company's male dancers, here is a book that shows ballet is for everyone.Written by the acclaimed author of A Is for Audra: Broadway's Leading Ladies from A to Z, this book subtly seeks to address the prejudice toward boys and ballet by showing the skill, hard work, strength, and smarts is takes to be a dancer.

Fun and buoyant illustrations show boys of a variety of ages and ethnicities, making this the ideal book for any boy who loves dance. An afterword with photos and interviews with some of ABT's male dancers completes this empowering and joyful picture book.

*SHARED FROM AMAZON WEBSITE

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Cory Nova Villegas



What did you study in undergrad?

I initially went to Lehman College for my undergrad from 2014-2015 where I had the opportunity to learn Dunham technique from Michael Manswell. I then went to Hunter College, majoring in Dance, with a concentration in Latin & Caribbean studies. I've been a latin dancer my whole life, so my goal was to connect Latin & Caribbean studies to concert dance. I didn't know if this was possible. In high school, my dance teacher was in *Forces of Nature*, Abdel R. Salaam's dance company, & trained with Pearl Primus. A lot of the work she cast me in were Afro-Caribbean & Graham based. This furthered my desire to dive deeper into my Latin roots. Once pursuing this at Hunter College, the style, the history, it all became clear.

Did you go immediately to grad school?

I had the awesome opportunity to be a part of the BA/MA Dance Education program at Hunter College, so I was able to complete my graduate degree while completing my undergraduate degree. I started the program in the Fall of 2015. The biggest perk was that while you're an undergrad student, you can take grad courses with grad students. I didn't have the stress about being at Hunter late at night because I could take daytime classes. Tuition was also perk.

Which classes at Hunter were your favorite & which were most useful?

My favorite class at Hunter had to have been a Dominican History course I took my freshman year. I felt like I was learning about things I cared about; about who I really am. At Hunter I always felt like I was searching for tools to use to adapt in the urban settings in which I taught. So for me, the courses that really prepared me for after graduation had to have been both Choreographic Projects in undergrad and Performance & Presentation in grad school. Both were choreographic courses that allowed me to explore who I truly was as an artist. It wasn't always easy having to justify the value of Latin Dance in concert dance & vice versa; much like I still have to justify my work with my company now, when applying to festivals. This also helped me really think about the type of educator I wanted to be to students who grew up in the same area as I did & really lead all my classes with "I am" statements. I also found a love for lighting design at Hunter. We had an amazing production manager named Roderick Murray

Interviewed by NHSDA Secretary Nicole Oh

Why do you feel dance education is so important?

For me it's a respect thing. As dancers & artists, the arts aren't given the same prestige as other subjects. Dance Education allows the spreading & teaching of dance so that these narratives could change.

How was the transition from grad school?

My transition wasn't conventional. I ran away from teaching because I didn't want to be hindered creatively. Instead, I became a teaching artist & freelance choreographer straight out of grad school. It was the only way to ensure my creative freedom. Interestingly while doing this, I got a call about a job opening at my former high school, Herbert H. Lehman High School in the Bronx. The thing I ran from, I ended up doing & loving. In November 2019, I officially began working at Lehman.

What styles do you teach in your curriculum?

In my classroom, I make sure to cover all social dance styles. It's important that my students learn & grow in the things with which they are familiar. I generally start with African dance (basic sabar principles), & gradually migrate through house dance, hip hop, reggae, & lastly Latin styles (merengue, bachata, salsa, salsa fusion). My students are mostly hispanic & black. Originally I had more female students. Now dance is considered both a PE class & an arts elective. 80% of my students are male so I tend to use a more aerobic approach to dance & less dance terminology. My favorite style to teach is Salsa. I think it is so rich in culture & has so much history.

What teaching advice do you have for AGDEP students?

Be yourself. Students sense fraudulence, but love when you're you. That is where you form true connections.

When did you start your dance company?

Hunter, titled "Calle Soul: Soul Street." I fought for Salsa to be put on the Kaye Theater stage & be respected as dance. After, I knew there was more to be said & explored, so I grabbed my Co-Founders Kevin Williams & Kaila M. Skates & went for it. I generally make myself the main character in my work. I talk about the stories I grew up hearing as a kid & the things I witnessed as an adult. The ultimate goal would be to see my work premiere on NYC Center Stage

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HUNTER FREEBIES / PERKS

EACH NEWSLETTER WE WILL HIGHLIGHT A FEW AWESOME PERKS YOU CAN GET AS A STUDENT AT HUNTER - WITH JUST YOUR STUDENT ID!

EMERGENCY SUPPORT & SERVICES:

THE PURPLE APRON FOOD PANTRY

MOBILE FOOD PANTRIES

EMERGENCY FUNDING/COVID-19 RELIEF AID

LONG-TERM LAPTOP LOAN

MOBILE HOTSPOT LOANS / INTERNET & WIFI

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FREE MEAL PLAN

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KNOW ABOUT ANY OTHER GREAT PERKS WE MISSED?
DROP US A NOTE AT AGDEPHONORS@GMAIL.COM TO LET US KNOW!



STUDENTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED FAFSA TO DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NFFD

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 30TH

CLICK BELOW TO APPLY FOR A VOUCHER

VOUCHER APPLICATION

DANCER HEALTH

The Muscle You Should Never Neglect If You Want to Avoid Injury

Dancers are often on their feet for up to 12 hours a day. Not surprisingly, that can lead to a lot of fatigue in the lower leg muscles. And when muscles are tired, the rate of injury increases.

10 Tips for Stronger Calves:

Mayes recommends implementing 16-24 heel raises into your daily class & an additional 30-35 heel raises 3x a week on your own.

- 1. Raise your heel at a speed of 1 second up, 1 second down
- 2. Do it in parallel, on a single leg.
- 3. Keep the knee neutral
- 4. Go through your full range of motion.
 - a. Do not rest or sit in the joints.
- 5. Keep your toes long and flat.
- 6. Rise smoothly, without jerks.
- 7. Rise vertically, no forward momentum.
- 8. Keep the calf active the whole time.
- 9. Maintain good ankle/foot alignment.
 - a. Rise through center of the foot.
- 10. Feel the muscle burn in the belly of the calf.
 - a. If felt elsewhere, check alignment & technique.

One muscle in particular turns out to make a huge difference:

An in-house study at The
Australian Ballet has shown that
improving calf-strength
endurance can reduce ankle
injuries by half.



CLICK HERE to read the full article. Source: Emma Sandall, Dance Magazine

SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE FLU!



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DATES:

OCTOBER 29, OCTOBER 30, NOVEMBER 11,

NOVEMBER 12

TIME: 10 AM-3 PM ET

LOCATION:

THE FRIEDMAN HEALTH CENTER FOR THE

PERFORMING ARTS

729 SEVENTH AVENUE

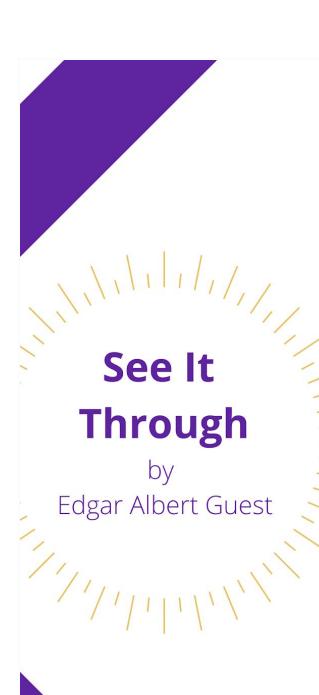
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Over 200,000 Americans are hospitalized each year due to flu-related complications. Luckily, you can significantly reduce your risk of the flu by receiving your annual flu shot.

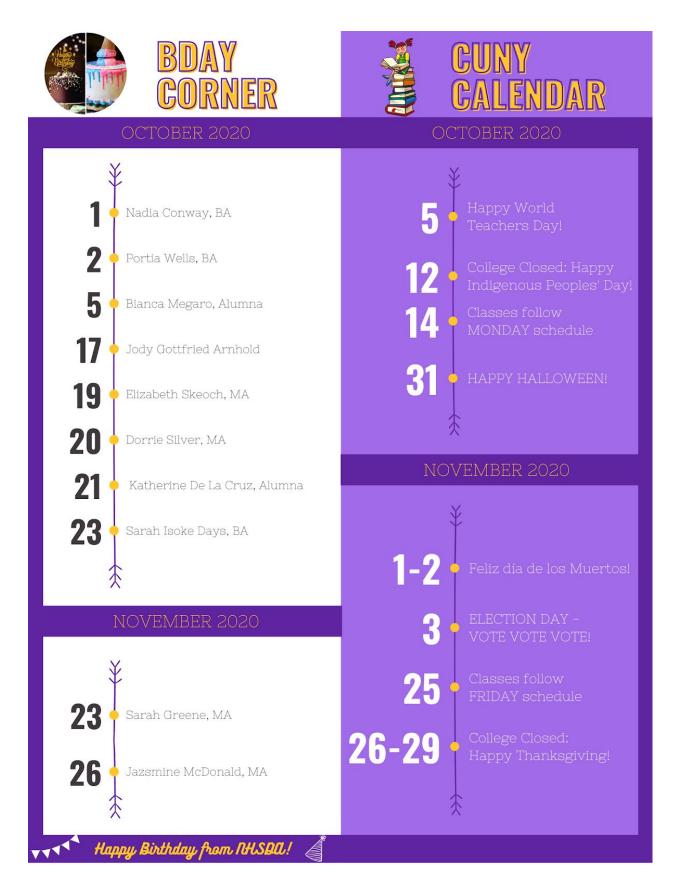
This year, The Actors Fund will once again partner with Mount Sinai to offer free flu shots for those who are uninsured in our community! Your flu vaccine will be easy, free, convenient and safe.



When you're up against a trouble,
Meet it squarely, face to face;
Lift your chin and set your
shoulders,
Plant your feet and take a brace.
When it's vain to try to dodge it,
Do the best that you can do;
You may fail, but you may conquer,
See it through!

Black may be the clouds about you
And your future may seem grim,
But don't let your nerve desert you;
Keep yourself in fighting trim.
If the worst is bound to happen,
Spite of all that you can do,
Running from it will not save you,
See it through!

Even hope may seem but futile,
When with troubles you're
beset,
But remember you are facing
Just what other men have met.
You may fail, but fall still fighting;
Don't give up, whate'er you do;
Eyes front, head high to the finish.





QUESTIONS?

WANT YOUR UPCOMING EVENT FEATURED IN FUTURE EDITIONS? INTERESTED IN JOINING NHSDA?

Let's chat! You can reach us at:

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