

DANIEL GWIRTZMAN DANCE COMPANY

"Founded upon a philosophy that dance should celebrate human achievement through a combination of discipline and unbound optimism."

The New York Sun

EDUCATION IN MOTION

ABOUT THE COMPANY

Daniel Gwirtzman Dance Company, a New York-based non-profit operating under the direction of choreographer and dancer Daniel Gwirtzman, has demonstrated a commitment to education since its inception in 1998.

HOW IS THIS MISSION ACHIEVED?

Our programs encourage audiences to be active participants, as part of the Company's effort to integrate communities into the dance-making and performing process. Audiences have opportunities to write about performances, discuss their observations, and learn choreography.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Contracted with the NYC Department of Education since 1999, the Company has taught more than 12,000 students, from kindergarten through high school. We teach a range of populations including ESL, parents, teachers, and special education.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS

DGDC's family-friendly curriculum presents dance as an art of self-expression and supreme physical control. The impact upon students has resulted in long-term relationships with schools.

MISSION

The mission of the Daniel Gwirtzman Dance Company is to educate the public about the art of dance in interactive, accessible, and meaningful ways.

PHILOSOPHY

The heart of our philosophy is that anyone can learn to dance given the interest and discipline. We strive to teach people how dance can play a meaningful part of their physical and overall well-being, leading them to feel comfortable in their own skin.





IN THE STUDIO

This critically and publically successful series of lecture-performances is designed to demystify concert dance and to empower audiences to speak about it.

DANCE AT THE PARK

The Company has collaborated with the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation to present interactive public workshops designed for all ages and skill levels.

COMMUNITY CHOREOGRAPHIC PROJECTS

The Company has a history of creating works involving community members of all ages and abilities. This commitment to community outreach is central to our mission of making dance accessible, exciting, and collaborative.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Working with the medium of dance, we offer workshops emphasizing team-building, stress management and trust.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Our programs also include intensive training for students pursuing dance as a career at the pre-professional and/or university level.



"A program that schools all over the country would envy"

Ruth Lilienstein-Gatton, parent, PS 187, Manhattan

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