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A WORLD RENOWNED CHOREOGRAPHER, A DANCE INNOVATOR, A GRAMMY
AWARD-WINNING DJ JOIN 10,000 DANCERS IN THE 7TH ANNUAL NYC DANCE

[New York] May 18, 2013 – Dance Parade New York presents its Seventh Annual Dance Parade and DanceFest on Saturday, May 18, 2013. Joining 10,000 local and international dancers are three Grand Marshals: world-renowned choreographer, Jacquelyn Buglisi, DanceAfrica founder, Baba Chuck Davis, and Grammy Award- winning DJ, Louie Vega.

Dance Parade and DanceFest are the only events that celebrate dance in all its myriad forms. It is a moving street parade through Greenwich Village, with a festival featuring staged performances, free workshops and dance classes in Tompkins Square Park in the East Village. For this year's theme, Unity Through Dance, 200 dance groups will perform 80 styles of dance from African to belly dancing, hip-hop, Peruvian, roller disco, Jamaican Dance Hall, tango and zouk. The event will also feature 100 youth who have participated in Dance Parade's Community Engagement Education program sponsored by New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, with additional support by Dance Parade New York's Board of Directors, and a grant from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

Greg Miller, Executive Director of Dance Parade New York, said "Dance Parade and DanceFest are a celebration of dance, and all dance shows a collaboration of spirit and imagination, and pleasure in movement."

Miller added "This year's Dance Parade celebration includes a serious note. Our organization, which celebrates the art form of dance, recognizes that today, hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers no longer have access to the arts on television because Time Warner Cable has taken Ovation TV, America's only arts network, off its line-up. Ovation TV champions the arts on air and in our community and it is important that Time Warner Cable's CEO Glenn Britt know that the arts community is not happy about this. This is New York after all – an arts mecca – and we think it's outrageous that this city does not have access to Ovation. Our city wouldn't be what it is without the arts and Time Warner Cable customers certainly can't 'Enjoy Better' – as their slogan touts – without the arts. Today, during this celebration, we are standing for the arts by asking folks to sign the 'BringBackOvation' petition that will send a clear message to Glenn Britt and Time Warner Cable - bring Ovation TV back to your line up."

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ABOUT DANCE PARADE NEW YORK

Dance Parade originated as a reaction to a 2006 lawsuit against New York City's 1926 Cabaret License Law that restricts social dancing. After New York State Supreme Court Judge ruled that social dancing was not considered expressive activity protected by the State Constitution's freedom of expression amendment, the organization leveraged an outpouring of vibrant cultural and dance expression into what became a nonprofit artistic and cultural event.

Dance Parade New York is an entity of Dance Parade Inc. whose charitable mission is to promote dance as an expressive and unifying art form, while educating the public about opportunities to experience dance. Dance Parade celebrates diversity by showcasing all types of dances around the world through sponsorship of a yearly, citywide parade and festival. Additional programs include education outreach, residencies and artistic partnerships to increase public awareness and showcasing dance on multiple platforms.

Dance Parade Inc. is a 501©3 non-profit organization