

10TH ANNUAL  
**DANCE PARADE & FESTIVAL**  
SATURDAY MAY 21, 2016  
**DECADE OF DANCE**



DANCE PARADE NEW YORK HIGHLIGHTS ANNOUNCED AT CITY HALL: GRAND MARSHALS, ORGANIZERS, COLORFUL PERFORMERS “DECADE OF DANCE”

**Title & Location:** Steps of New York City Hall (Entrance from Murray & Broadway)

**Description:** Dance Parade New York organizers, supporters and volunteers will rally on the steps of New York City Hall to introduce leaders in the dance world and announce highlights to come at this year’s 10th Annual Dance Parade and DanceFest.

**WHO:** Dance Parade New York

**WHAT:** Dance Parade highlights and announcements

**WHERE:** New York City Hall steps

**WHEN:** Monday, May 16th, 12noon

- NYC Department of Cultural Affairs Commissioner Tom Finkelpearl presents Mayor de Blasio’s Proclamation to Greg Miller, Executive Director of Dance Parade making May 21 “Dance Parade and Festival Day”
- City Council Member Rosie Mendez – Parade starts and ends in her district and Rosie is a longtime supporter of the arts.
- Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer, Chair of the City Council Cultural Committee speaks on the city’s Cultural Plan and the need to increase more city funding toward the arts.
- DJ360 aka “Kwikstep” – 2016 Grand Marshal. Bessie Award winning Street Dancer and global DJ
- Rokafella – 2016 Grand Marshal. Pioneer B-Girl who defied stigma of breakdancers being male
- Garen Scribner– 2016 Ambassador of Dance, Lead actor in smash hit musical *An American In Paris* currently on Broadway.
- Leanne Cope – 2016 Ambassador of Dance, Lead actor in *An American In Paris*
- Greg Miller – Executive Director, Dance Parade New York explains mission and history of Dance Parade and 2016 Theme “Decade of Dance”.
- Adele Godfrey – Parade Production Lead highlighting Parade lineup
- Jamila Holman – DanceFest Production Lead highlighting Festival program after the Parade in Tompkins Square Park
- Heather Woodfield – Executive Director of 1% for Culture, advocates for increased arts funding
- Kitty Lunn – Artistic Director from Infinity Dance Theater, addresses opportunities for dancers with disabilities from her wheelchair
- Akim Funk Buddha – Master “Beat Box” and Hip-Hop Artist and Teacher who fuses urban styles with traditional Japanese and Balinese give press a photogenic look into his urban tea dance ceremony
- Kaina Quenqa, Artistic Director from the Polynesian collective Na Oivi explains how the New York Polynesian community is using Dance Parade to celebrate “Malama Honua”, voyage of hokulea (boat) arriving in New York in early June on its voyage around the world.
- Nadine Azoulay, dancer from the Pink Tutu Ballet, shares excitement from her participating teens from her Community Engagement Program that ends with the grand finale May 21st Dance Parade
- Luis Vargas – Head of the House Coalition speaks about anti-dance cabaret license issue and 10 years of having a float at Dance Parade

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**GARTH FAGAN**  
2016 GRAND MARSHALL



**ROKAFELLA**  
2016 GRAND MARSHALL



**KWIKSTEP**  
2016 GRAND MARSHALL

- DANCE PARADE** 1pm – 3pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> St & Broadway to Avenue A  
Join Grand Marshals Garth Fagan, Kwikstep, Rokafella and 10,000 dancers for NYC's 10th Annual Dance Parade on Broadway!
- GRANDSTAND** - University Place & 8th Street  
See over 75 diverse dance styles, everything from ballet to break dance!
- DANCEFEST** 3pm – 7pm - Tompkins Square Park  
Post-Parade festival on 5 stages. Aerial performances, a dance party, free dance lessons from the city's best teachers, and more!

Want to get involved or grab GRANDSTAND tickets?  
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