



Media Advisory for: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

Organizers with Dance Parade, New York elected officials and dance groups launch this year's the "Cabaret of Life" Annual Dance Parade

WHAT: A press conference to launch the 2018 12th Annual Dance Parade and Festival – the largest dance event in the Northeast. The Dance Parade will be held this Saturday, May 19th with more than 10,000 dancers. Honorees and advocates will gather on Wednesday to celebrate the coming event that brings the vibrant dance community together.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 16, 12Noon

WHERE: Steps of New York City Hall

WHO:

Greg Miller, Executive Director Dance Parade announces highlights of parade lineup including pirate ship, live bands and celebrity Grand Marshals

Commissioner Tom Finkelpearl, presenting Mayoral Proclamation for May 19 Dance Parade and Festival Day

Council Member Rafael Espinal (2018 Grand Marshal)

Jamilla Holman, DanceFest producer, announces highlights

Dance Advocates:

Normal Siegel, Civil Rights Attorney

Frankie Hutchinson, Dance Liberation Network

Olympia Kazi, New York Artists Coalition

Julien Friedenber, New York Artists Coalition

Dancers and supporters:

Grand Marshal DJ Doc Martin's agent, Velvet Toi

Josephine Baker - Skin Dance Art

Jehan, Owner and Artistic Director Belly Dance America (Middle Eastern Dance)

Lola - the Factory Lola

Dominique Glover - RAC Steppers

Gina - Flowers of Hope

Lisa Roxanne - Shape-Up Brooklyn.

Jennifer Hidalgo - Los Andulleros (Dominican dance group)

Akim Funk Buddah, Creative Moves and Grooves (Teaching artist at YAI)

Carol Tandava, Tandava Arts, Middle Eastern Dance



DANCE PARADE

NEW YORK

DANCE PARADE 1 – 3pm

21st & Broadway to Ave. A

Join our Grand Marshals and 10,000 dancers for NYC's 12th Annual Dance Parade on Broadway!

★ GRANDSTAND ★

Astor Place - 4th Ave & 8th St

See over 80 diverse dance styles, everything from ballet to break dance!

DANCEFEST 3 – 7pm

Tompkins Square Park

Post-Parade festival on five stages. Aerial performances, a dance party, free dance lessons from the city's best teachers, and more!

CABARET AFTERLIFE 8 – Midnight

Nublu 151 Avenue C

Between 9th & 10th St

AfterParty Fundraiser with DJs Doc Martin and 2Melo near Tompkins Square Park! 21+, \$15 adv, \$20 door.



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