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**JOIN THE "MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE" AT THE 13TH ANNUAL
DANCE PARADE AND DANCEFEST ON SATURDAY, MAY 18TH.
10,000 DANCERS DANCE DOWN BROADWAY WITH GRAND MARSHALS
BILL T. JONES, BAAYORK LEE, LOUIS MOFSIE AND DJ DARA**

New York, January 31, 2019 – Join in the festive joy and fun at the 13th Annual Dance Parade, Saturday, May 18, with more than 10,000 paraders - students to professionals, young and old, with color, costumes, and music engaging in 80 unique styles of dance and culture.

"With all the rhetoric of walls and xenophobia, it's important that we acknowledge and support cultural treasures that exist across the world and here in New York," said Greg Miller, Dance Parade's executive director. "This year's honorees for Grand Marshal were selected based on their commitment to promoting diversity, equity, humanity inclusion and unity, in their art and work. Dance is truly a universal language and the Parade and DanceFest really is a **Movement of the People.**"

Headlining the event as Grand Marshals are Tony award winners [Bill T. Jones](#) and [Baayork Lee](#) as well as Native American [Louis Mofsie](#) and [DJ Dara](#).

Dance Parade's fundraising event **Lift Off** will ignite this year's season on **Saturday March 2nd**, with a curated program of dances integrating dancers and dance enthusiasts at the Taj Lounge, 48 West 21st Street, New York City **from 6pm to 10pm.**

Emcee Donnie D'Amato presents a Taste of Dance Parade Performances by Xianix Barrera (Flamenco), Xochipilli Dance Ensemble (Mexican Folkloric), Dalia Carella (Mid East Fusion), B.A.D. (Body All Dancers, Hip-Hop) and The Yosakoi Dance Project 10tecomai (Japanese Fusion). DJ Ali Coleman gets everyone dancing with Soulful House with Emcee Donnie D'Amato. 21+, Tickets \$15 - \$25 in advance from danceparade.org or \$30 at the door.

On **May 18, at 12:45pm** the annual event kicks off at 21st and Broadway and brings together dancers from around the city and as far away as Japan to showcase dance styles in a cross-cultural, rhythm-infused magical display of human movement, art and color. Dance styles reflect the cosmopolitan legacy of the city and the elastic inventiveness of the form, and include African, Asian-Indian, avant garde contemporary, ballet, bhangra, Bolivian

Tinkus, Brazilian zouk, breakdance, Chinese, contemporary, hip-hop, Irish, Indonesian, Jamaican Dance Hall, lindy hop, modern, roller disco, salsa, samba, Tahitian and tango.

"I'm so happy to share the beautiful music and dance of flamenco with the people of New York!" announced Xianxix Barrera, Artistic Director, Xianix Barrera Flamenco.



MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE

DANCE PARADE • 1pm – 4pm
21st & Broadway to Ave. A

Join Grand Marshals Bill T. Jones, Baayork Lee, Louis Mofsie, DJ Dara and 10,000 dancers for New York City's 13th Annual Dance Parade!

★ **GRANDSTAND** ★
University Place & 8th St

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

DANCEFEST • 3pm – 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!

Leading the parade will be over 200 enthusiastic city youth and elders dancing their "debut on Broadway" and having the fun of their lives. The young and old dancers will have participated in a ten-week education program of dance workshops sponsored by New York City Departments of Parks and Recreation and funded by New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. The workshops are run in schools, recreation centers and city parks in Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan.



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Though the cabaret law has been repealed the parade will honor its roots with a presence by the New York Dance Police (NYDP) – a jovial group of uniformed officers inspiring the crowds to dance and celebrate the spirit of Dance Parade. In contrast to the real Dance Police of the Mayor Giuliani era, anyone caught not

dancing could be cited with a summons to attend a free dance class or party in the city.

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