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sponsoring a groundbreaking piece of dance, choreographed by Mr. Parsons and done
in collaboration with someone of Milton Nascimento's stature in world music, would be
exciting and meaningful for both of us."

PARSONS DANCE

ABOUT

PARSONS DANCE is a New York City based contemporary American dance company, internationally renowned for its energized, athletic ensemble work. Founded in 1985 by Artistic Director David Parsons and Tony Award-winning lighting designer Howell Binkley, the company has toured to more than 500 cities, 30 countries, and 5 continents and has appeared at such notable venues as The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Sydney Opera House, Maison de la Danse, Teatro La Fenice, and Theatro Municipal do Rio de Janeiro.

Parsons Dance performs works selected from the vast and varied repertory of more than 100+ works created by David Parsons. The company commissions new dances from established choreographers and restages works from the American canon, including pieces by Robert Battle and Paul Taylor. And, through its GenerationNOW Fellowship, the company offers commissions to young American choreographers whom Parsons mentors through the creative process.

Parsons Dance is committed to providing enriching experiences beyond its performances as it seeks to engage audiences of all ages through education and outreach programs; through

post-show discussions, open rehearsals, studio showcases, video workshops, open company classes, summer workshops for pre-professional dancers; and in-school workshops for public school students. The company is especially proud of its Autism-Friendly Programs initiative, launched in 2016, that features sensory-friendly workshops and relaxed performances for audiences of all abilities.

All these activities are driven by the vision of Artistic Director David Parsons, who, for more than 35 years, has combined his choreographic gifts and talent for training highly skilled dancers with a real passion for the art form.

BIOS

DAVID PARSONS (Artistic Director/Co-Founder) has enjoyed a remarkable career as a director, choreographer, performer, master teacher and producer. Raised in Kansas City, Parsons made it to New York at the age of 17 when he received a scholarship to the Alvin Ailey School. After Ailey, he became an understudy with the Paul Taylor Dance Company and then joined the company as a principal dancer. He stayed for eight years. During summers, he toured with MOMIX; he appeared with Mikhail Baryshnikov and Mark Morris in the first White Oak tour; and he launched his choreographic career by setting work on the Taylor Company and on the National Ballet of Canada, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Batsheva Dance Company, and the Paris Opera Ballet.

After leaving the Taylor company, Parsons was a guest artist with New York City Ballet for four years before his artistic prowess led him to undertake such diverse projects as choreographing *Aida* at Arena di Verona and producing and co-choreographing *María de Buenos Aires* at the Skirball Center, as well as creating the choreography for *Fool's Fire*, a 1992 film directed by Julie Taymor. Perhaps one of his most thrilling assignments was choreographing and directing the dance elements for Times Square 2000, the 24-hour festivities in Times Square celebrating the turn of the Millennium. Since then, Parsons has participated in many projects, such as choreographing *A Knight's Tale*, a musical theater work directed by John Caird, who previously directed the Broadway and West End productions of *Les Misérables* and the London National Theatre's production of *Candide*. Staged at Tokyo's iconic Imperial Theatre in summer 2018, the work featured Japanese pop stars.

In addition to the more than 75 works that he has created for Parsons Dance, Parsons has received commissions from such companies as American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, the American Dance Festival, Jacob's Pillow, the Spoleto Festival, and Het Muziektheater in Amsterdam, with his most recent from the Kansas City Ballet, who staged his work *A Play For Love* in May 2019.

Heralded by The New York Times as "one of the great movers of modern dance," Parsons

has received many accolades throughout his career, including three Choreography Fellowship Grants from the National Endowment of the Arts; the American Choreography Award; the Dance Magazine Award; a Howard Gilman Fellowship, and the Dance Masters of America Annual Award. In May 2018, he received the Capezio Award, one of the most prestigious awards in dance.

HOWELL BINKLEY (Co-founder / Resident Lighting Designer 1985-2020) was the proud co-founder of Parsons Dance for which he designed more than 70 pieces. His Broadway designs included: *Ain't Too Proud* (2019 Tony nomination), *Come From Away* (2017 Tony nomination), *Allegiance*, *After Midnight* (2014 Tony nomination), *How to Succeed...* (2011 Tony nomination), *West Side Story* (2009 Tony nomination), *Gypsy* starring Patti LuPone, *In The Heights* (2008 Tony nomination), *Avenue Q*, *The Full Monty*, *Parade*, *Kiss Of The Spider Woman* (1993 Tony nomination). He made extensive regional and dance works for companies such as Alvin Ailey, American Ballet Theatre, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, and The Joffrey Ballet's Billboards. He was a five-time Helen Hayes Award recipient and received the 1993 Sir Laurence Olivier Award and the Canadian Dora Award for *Kiss of The Spider Woman*. Howell also received the 2006 Henry Hewes Design Award; the 2006 Outer Critics Circle Award; and the 2006 Tony Award for *Jersey Boys*. In addition, he won both the 2017 Tony Award and the 2018 Sir Laurence Olivier Award for the lighting design of *Hamilton*.

MEGAN GARCIA ZIMINSKI

(Dancer) began training at Progressions Performing Arts in Spring, TX. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Arizona in 2019 with a BFA in dance and a business administration minor. She was privileged to perform works by Nacho Duato, Martha Graham, Bella Lewitzky, Larry Keigwin, and more. Megan attended intensives at Hubbard Street, Giordano Dance, River North Dance, the Houston Metropolitan Dance Company, and the Rockettes. After graduation, Megan was offered the role of Rockette in the 2019 Christmas Spectacular. She performed in 102 shows, and was interviewed by TODAY, News 4 New York, and Telemundo. This is Megan's fifth season with Parsons Dance.

TÉA PÉREZ (Dancer) is originally from Dallas, Texas, where she trained and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (BTWHSPVA) under the direction of Lily Cabatu Weiss and Kate Walker. Perez moved to New York City in 2017 to attend the Ailey/Fordham BFA Dance Program under the direction of Melanie Person. Pérez graduated in May of 2021 from the Ailey/Fordham BFA Program with a BFA in Dance along with a BA in Art History, with a concentration in Contemporary and Modern Art. During her studies, Pérez performed works by Alvin Ailey, Robert Battle, Kyle Abraham, Jessica Lang, Aszure Barton, Lar Lubovich, and Dwight Rhoden, among others. Téa served as an understudy for one season with Parsons Dance and was promoted to Company Dancer in June 2022.

JOSEPH CYRANSKI (Dancer)

began dancing at the age of eight in his hometown New Baltimore, Michigan. After graduating from high school, he went on to study dance at Marymount Manhattan College, where he received his BFA in 2020. Since graduating, Joseph has worked with numerous choreographers such as Earl Mosley, Angelica Stiskin, and Jenn Freeman. He recently performed with Giordano Dance Chicago, in its fall and spring 60th season appearances with its second company at the Harris Theater. This is Joseph's third season with Parsons Dance.

JUSTINE DELIUS (Dancer) was born and raised in a Paris suburb, where she trained in ballet and jazz before attending the Conservatory National of Paris in 2017. She appeared in Paris with MIXITY, the music hall cabaret sensation. In 2021, Justine arrived in New York to study at The Ailey School. As a student, she performed works by Alvin Ailey, Levi Marsman, Stephanie Lake, Ashley Green and Kameron N. Saunders. This is Justine's third season with Parsons Dance.

JOANNE HWANG (Dancer) was born and raised in Sydney, Australia, and graduated from Point Park University with a BFA in Dance and a minor in Musical Theatre. While at Point Park, she had the honor of working with and performing works by Twyla Tharp, Robyn Mineko Williams, Martha Graham, Norbert De La Cruz III, and others. She has continued to train with such companies as BODYTRAFFIC, Move NYC, and The Pillow Project. This is Joanne's third season with Parsons Dance.

EMERSON EARNSHAW (Dancer) was raised in Cedar Hills, Utah, where he trained at the Utah Conservatory of Performing Arts. He continued to train as a member of Brigham Young University's Contemporary Dance Theatre and at the GibneyPRO Professional Certificate Program. As a student, he performed works by such choreographers as Peter Chu, Ana Maria Lucaci, Laja Field of LAJAMARTIN, Omar Roman de Jesus, Jesse Obremski, Jie-Hung Connie Shiau, and Cameron McKinney. This is Emerson's third season with Parsons Dance.

ODIN BROCK (Dancer) was raised in Woodbridge, Virginia. He was a high school scholar athlete who played the cello and piano and began dancing when he was seventeen. He received his BFA from George Mason University's School of Dance in May 2024. While in college, he worked with David Parsons and such choreographers as Rena Butler, Kate Skarpetowska, and Ronald K. Brown. He also served as an apprentice for Chamber Dance Project, the Washington, DC based company devoted to partnering contemporary ballet with live music. In August 2024, Odin appeared at lower Manhattan's Battery Dance Festival, where he performed in the NYC premiere of Anna Lopez's *On Exhaust*. This is Odin's second season with Parsons Dance.

LUKE BIDDINGER (Dancer) was raised in Colorado and began his dance training at Inspirations Dance Company when he was 11 years old. After moving to Pennsylvania at age 14 he trained at Touch of Class Dance Studio.

Since locating to NYC, he has continued to study at Steps on Broadway, Kanyok Arts Initiative, and the New York City Dance Alliance, which honored him as its National Teen Outstanding Dancer in 2021.

CHRISTOPHER CHAMBERS (Lighting Designer, "Balance of Power" and "Mr. Withers"): Dance: Ailey II, American Repertory Ballet, Ballet Memphis, Boca Tuya, Jose Limon Dance Foundation, Lustig Dance Theatre, Parsons Dance, Paul Taylor Dance Company, Sa Dance, Yin Yue Dance Company, Manchester Ballet. Theatre: A.C.T. of Connecticut, Argyle Theatre, Houses on the Moon, Cape Playhouse, North Shore Music Theatre, Connecticut Repertory Theatre, York Theatre, Curtain Call Inc., Boston College, Montclair State University, Mount Washington Valley Theatre Company, Resort Players, M+D Productions, Weston Playhouse. A Connecticut native, he currently lives in New York with his wife Barbara, daughter Olive and his best friend, Alice the dog. He is a proud member of USA 829. www.csclighting.com

NATALIE LOMONTE (Associate Artistic Director) is a New York City-based choreographer, director, and teacher. A Parsons dancer from 2008 to 2009, she went on to perform with MOMIX, Pilobolus, and CBE. She also appeared in the film *Sex and The City 2* and was in the original Broadway cast of *Spiderman: Turn Off the Dark*. Following her career as a dancer, she was Assistant Choreographer to Mia Michaels for the *New York Spectacular Starring the Radio City Rockettes*. In 2014,

she returned to Parsons Dance to serve as David's creative assistant, and in 2015, she received the first Parsons Dance GenerationNOW fellowship to create *Within*, a work premiering at The Joyce Theater. Since 2012, Natalie has been movement director for One Year Lease Theater Company.

REBECCA JOSUE (Executive Director) joined Parsons Dance in 2010 as the Company Manager and Stage Manager, and was lucky enough to tour with the company both nationally and internationally for her first five seasons. Rebecca became the General Manager for the 2013-2014 season and was appointed Executive Director in June 2019. Before joining Parsons Dance, Rebecca was a freelance company manager, stage manager, producer, theater administrator, and director. She has worked at New York Stage and Film, Mabou Mines, The Public Theater, New World Stages, La Mama, and the Under the Radar Festival, among other places, in company management, production management, stage management, and development. A graduate of Wesleyan University, Rebecca completed the Senior Leaders Program for Non-Profit Professionals at Columbia Business School in May 2019, earning her a Certificate in Business Excellence.

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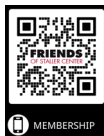
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