

### About

Launched in 2014, our mission is to strengthen the dance community in Queens, and inspire a greater appreciation for Queens dance. Queensboro Dance Festival (QDF) was created out of a need for a more tangible sense of community among Queens dancers & audiences. Queens dance had no visibility. Dancers had no local place to meet. Queens audiences had little idea where to experience local dance.

We promote cultural exchange, celebrating Queens' diversity, enjoyment of public space, and connecting our neighborhoods to cultivate borough-wide Queens pride. We are a platform for underrepresented dance cultures and we bring programming to underserved neighborhoods.



### Programs

Our summer tour of 30+ events consist of dance performances, classes, and parties. Events are free to the public and predominantly outdoors, with exception of our ticketed Season Finale at Queens Theatre. We curate and present 25 Queens dance companies of diverse cultures & styles. We also provide a free series of professional development resources, teaching jobs, and workshops for Queens dancers.

Each year, we reach 10,000 audience members and serve 200 artists throughout Queens. Our program approach is holistic, collaborating with neighborhood organizations and businesses to best engage the local community. We are for Queens, by Queens.

### Impact & Awards

Over 150 Queens dance companies presented to date, and over 30 distinct dance genres presented, including Hula, Filipino, Flamenco, Hip-Hop, Indian, Tap, Mayan, Chinese, Ballet, Ballroom, Arabic, Mexican, Aerial, Greek, Modern, West African, Colombian, Jazz, Bolivian, Ecuadorian, Tibetan, Korean, and more.

QDF is cited in the Create NYC Cultural Plan, received a Proclamation from the New York State Comptroller's Office Thomas P. DiNapoli, Certificate from NYC Public Advocate Letitia James, won the 2019 LIC Game Changer Award for Best in Arts & Humanities, Citation from Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan, and 2023 Citation of Honor from Queensborough President Donovan Richards.

