

YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY

NEWSLETTER

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15 Seasons • 240 Alumni from 61 NYC Public High Schools

A Note from Alice.....

YDC 2010 has been making an impact all over town, dancing original fresh work by NYC teens in free touring July performances for thousands of young people and adults in Manhattan, Bronx, Queens and Brooklyn. And getting audiences up on their feet in spirited dancing, led by our teen company drawn from 10 public high schools throughout the city. Plus pre-season and post-season performances in Brooklyn and Manhattan, February to December. Read all about it on these pages.

The 2010 season marked the launch of an innovative project in which our fledgling choreographers got the opportunity to see their choreographic ideas expanded and danced by professionals in collaborative work with the Bill T. Jones / Arnie Zane Dance Company. Special thanks to BTJ Education Director Leah Cox, who helped to make this happen.

The new collaborative project, as well as our free tickets to professional dance concerts, our Repertory Project, and guest artist workshops, were made possible by the Emily Davie and Joseph S. Kornfeld Foundation.

The ambitious hard-working upbeat 2010 company presented a concert of 12 original works, plus excerpts of repertory from the Bill T. Jones / Arnie Zane Dance Company, expertly staged by superb guest artist Catherine Cabeen. Many thanks.

Special shout-out to the high school dance teachers, who took the time from busy schedules to refer students to YDC. And special thanks to the producers who gave us performance opportunities all around town.

All this is made possible by the generous foundations who believe in our work:

The Richenthal Foundation
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Wishing you a dancing new year..

Alice



AUDITIONS

for the 2011 Company
at Dance Theater Workshop,
219 West 19 Street,
Sunday, March 13, 11:30-6 PM

**SPREAD THE WORD TO
PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
APPLY NOW**

Obtain application forms on line
www.ecfs.org/ydc.asp
or from high school teachers



Photos: Bruce Fuller



CALLING ALL ALUMS

Saturday, January 29
9AM - 3PM

EVERYBODY DANCE!

YDC Alums lead a workshop for young children
Followed by

REUNION PARTY

3 to 6:30 PM
See inside for details



2011 16th Season
**Free Touring Performances
All Over Town**

Original Student Work

José Limón Repertory Project

Calendar

January 29	Everybody Dance!	9 - 3
	Alumni Reunion	3- 6:30
March 13	Auditions	11:30 - 6
March 19	Call-back auditions	11:30 - 6
June 29-Aug. 1	YDC Season 2011	
July 21 - 30	Watch for concert touring dates	
July 31	Gala Finale Concert	7:30 PM

THE 2010 TOURING CONCERTS

ORIGINAL STUDENT WORKS
And the BILL T. JONES / ARNIE ZANE REPERTORY PROJECT



FIELDSTON AUDITORIUM

FOR FIELDSTON ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND BRONX GROUPS

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA

IN UN GARDEN, FOR THE UNITED NATIONS COMMUNITY

ABRONS ARTS CENTER

AT HENRY STREET PLAYHOUSE

STERN AUDITORIUM

AT MOUNT SINAI MEDICAL CENTER
FOR HUNDREDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE BROUGHT FROM
UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSES CITY-WIDE

KUMBLE THEATER

FOR THE PREFORMING ARTS

LIU, BROOKLYN

FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

JAMAICA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

FOR QUEENS COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND TEENS FROM THE
JAMAICA ARTS AND LEARNING CENTER

CITY CENTER, STUDIO 5

FOR INDIVIDUALS AND NYC GROUPS

ALVIN AILEY CITIGROUP THEATER

GALA FINALE CONCERT AND RECEPTION



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In performance at
 Dag Hammar skjold Plaza
 "...richly entertaining....the audience
 was entranced, moved by the heartfelt,
 high caliber performance."
 ...from the Friends of Dag Hammar skjold
 Plaza newsletter.



On tour in the van



An afternoon off

THE AUDIENCES JOIN ALICE AND THE COMPANY



at Ailey Citigroup Theater

Photo: Amber Henrie



at Kumble Theater

at Jamaica
 Performing Arts
 Center



THE DANCE NY PROJECT 2010 Season

An immersion into professional dance in New York: concerts, guest artists, seminars, workshops, and the annual Repertory Project *With special thanks to the Emily Davie and Joseph S.Kornfeld Foundation*

Ailey II Dance Company

at the Joyce Theater

Post-Concert Seminar

with Ailey dancers and Sylvia Waters, Artistic Director

Paul Taylor Dance Company at the Joyce Theater

High on Dance

at the 92nd St. Y

Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company

At the Rose Theater, Trump Tower



YDC at the concert

Post-Concert Seminar with Bill T. Jones/ Arnie Zane Dance Company



Dancers Shayla-vie Jenkins, LaMichael Leonard, Antonio Brown, Talli Jackson, and Associate Artistic Director Janet Wong

Battleworks Dance Company

Master class and studio performance at City Center Studio 5

With Elissa Clark and Kanji Segawa

American Ballet Theater

at Metropolitan Opera House, Lincoln Center

Elizabeth Zimmer, Dance Critic

Seminar, "Looking at Dance"

Art Bridgman and Myrna Packer

Guest Artists, Partnering Workshop

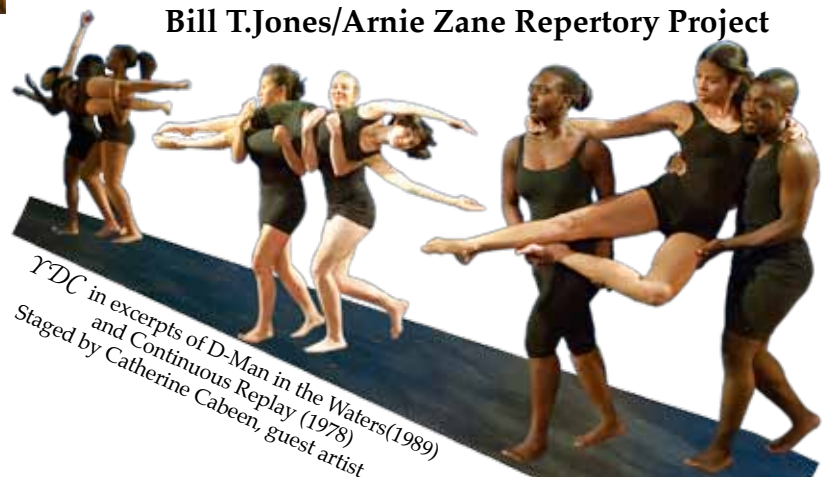


College and Career Seminar



Representatives (L to R) from Dance Theater Workshop, Hofstra, Ailey/Fordham, NYU, Marymount, Juilliard

Bill T.Jones/Arnie Zane Repertory Project



YDC in excerpts of *D-Man in the Waters* (1989) and *Continuous Replay* (1978)
Staged by Catherine Cabeen, guest artist



On the way to a dance concert at Lincoln Center

New Collaborative Bill T. Jones/YDC Project



Zarie Tuesday's dancers in studio performance with BTJ's Talli Jackson and Antonio Brown



Zaire Michel's dancers in studio performance with BTJ's Shayla-vie Jenkins and LaMichael Leonard



William Catanzaro, YDC Music Director, and Susan Hopper, of the Kornfeld Foundation, at the studio reception

Two student works from the 2010 season were further developed and performed with dancers from the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company.

The dancers worked together in a week of rehearsals, post season, August 2-5, in studio space donated by Barnard College (special thanks). The project culminated in an innovative Studio Performance August 5th at Manhattan Movement and Arts Center.



Gabrielle conversing with guests at the studio reception

This project was part of **DANCE NY**, made possible by the Kornfeld Foundation.

Pre and Post Season February to December



Alex and Richie perform Iva's choreography (YDC'09) at Bronx Arts Ensemble Gala in **March**, honoring Alice and YDC, for work in the Bronx public schools.



Iva receives commendation for her choreography, from William Scribner, Executive Artistic Director of BAE.



Amber and Keyla performed in Alex's work, in the Dance Wave Festival, in **February**.



YDC alums join Alex and cast after performance at Kumble Theater



"Right Outa the Gate" created spontaneously at the YDC Orientation in **May** and performed **June 4th** for the Downtown Arts Festival on E. 4th St.



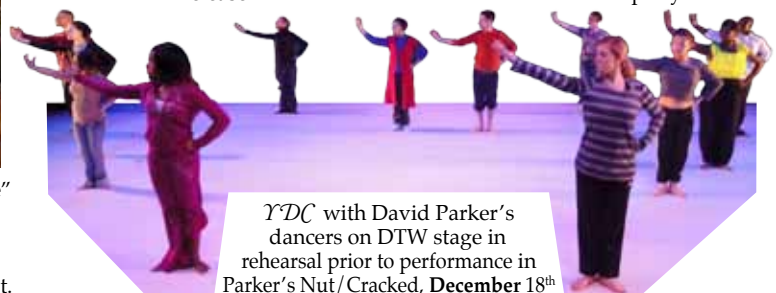
Stars at the 92Y "High on Dance" in **April**. Richie and Alex were hits in Iva's successful choreography selected for this curated concert.



YDC gathers for the 2010 DVD release



And a farewell party



YDC with David Parker's dancers on DTW stage in rehearsal prior to performance in Parker's Nut/Cracked, **December 18th**

Calling All Alums

EVERYBODY
DANCE!

Saturday,
January 29, 2011

At Fieldston 9 AM to 3 PM



Amber Arzuaga (YDC'09) front and center, leading
EVERYBODY DANCE! 2010

We need your talent to lead a crowd of 6th and 7th graders of the Fieldston Enrichment Program, in a day of dancing together and making dances, at Fieldston. Join Alice and William Catanzaro, have fun and get community service credit, doing what you know how to do. Breakfast and lunch included. RSVP Alice at:

718-329-7300 ext. 3358
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Alaric Hahn, Jinny McGivern

And Stay on for
REUNION PARTY
3:00 to 6:30 PM
* Food * Videos * Fun
* Friends

All Alums send your
e-mail address to Alice



YDC Staff Artists 2010

Director: Alice Teirstein,

Assistant Director: Jessica Gaynor

Music Director: composer/performer

William Catanzaro

Administrative Assistant: Susan Dratel

Creative Arts Therapist: Eva Young

Costume Designer: Anjia Jalac

Student Intern/Costume Assistant

Jeneé Whitehead, YDC alum

Graphic Designer: David Bush

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Gala Assistant: Noelé Phillips, YDC alum

In 2011 YDC bids farewell to two wonderful teammates, steadfast friends of the company, Jessica Gaynor, who served as Assistant to the Director, and Susan Dratel, who served as Administrative Assistant. We are grateful to them and wish them all the best. We are happy to enthusiastically welcome Stephanie Java as Administrative Assistant.

Thanks to the program directors throughout the city who have given performance opportunities to our future choreographers and dancers.

Since 1996 YDC has given free concerts at:

- Abrons Arts Center • Ailey Citigroup Theater • Alternative High Schools/Board of Education • LaGuardia Community College
- Annual "Celebration" Concerts in the Fieldston Auditorium for audiences of community groups from throughout the city • Bridging the Hood United Neighborhood Houses • Tribeca Performing Arts Center • Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance • Brooklyn Museum • Chelsea Art Museum
- Chelsea Piers for hundreds of spectators • City Center Studio 5 • Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza • Dance Theater Workshop • Dancenor Downtown Festival '97, '98, '00 and '03 at the Joyce Soho Theatre • Dancing in the Millennium The international conference 2000 in Washington, DC Performance/demonstration called a "highlight of the conference" • Dancing in the Streets • Fieldston School • Fordham University's Sculpture Garden at Lincoln Center in a program of improvisations inspired by the sculpture • Goddard-Riverside Community Center • Grants Tomb/Part of Harlem Week 2006
- Harlem School of the Arts • Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture • Hudson Guild • Jamaica Performing Arts Center • Kumble Theater, LIU
- Lovinger Theatre, Lehman College, The Bronx • Queens Library • Queens Museum of Art • Schomburg Center/ NYPL
- Stern Auditorium/Mt. Sinai Medical Center for United Neighborhood Houses • Stuyvesant High School • The 92nd St. Y Dance Educators Lab
- The Ailey Dance Camp • The Arts at University Settlement • The Bridge for Dance Part of the Uptown Performance Series
- The Danspace Project at St. Mark's Church • The Downtown Dance Festival in Battery Park • The Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival in Lee, MA
- The NYC Board of Ed, High School Principals Leadership Institute on Arts Education • The Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY
- The Point, a community development initiative in the Hunts Point section of the South Bronx • The Police Athletic League
- The World Trade Center • The Yard / Martha's Vineyard, MA • UP! On the Roof at John Jay College Theater

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COMPANY



2010 Season

Thanks to the NYC public high school dance teachers who referred their students to YDC.

Company members have come from NYC Public High Schools:

- A. Philip Randolph • Academy of American Studies • Adlai Stevenson • Aviation • Beacon School • Benjamin Cardozo • Bergtraum • Brandeis • Bronx Leadership Academy • Bronx Theater High School • Brooklyn H.S. • Brooklyn Technical • Bryant • City-as-Schools • Columbus • Dewitt Clinton • Discovery High School • Erasmus Hall • Evander Childs • Fannie Lou Hamer • Fashion Industries • Fordham H.S. for Performing Arts • Forest Hills H.S. • Frank Sinatra School of the Arts • Gateway • George Washington • Gramercy Arts H.S. • Graphic Communications Art • Harry S. Truman • Herbert Lehman • High School for Contemporary Arts • High School for Environmental Studies • High School for Violin and Dance • Humanities & Arts Magnet School • Institute for Collaborative Education • J.K. Onassis • James Monroe • LaGuardia H.S. of Music and Art and Performing Arts • Leon M. Goldstein • Lower Manhattan Arts Academy • Manhattan Center for Math and Science • Marble Hill • Martin Luther King • Math & Science Magnet School • Millennium H.S. • Performing Arts and Technology High School • Professional Performing Arts School • Renaissance Charter • Repertory Company H.S. • Richard Greene • Saunders • Seward Park • Stuyvesant • Talent Unlimited • Townsend Harris • University Neighborhood H.S. • Urban Assembly H.S. • Urban Peace Academy • Walton • Washington Irving • Wings Academy

News of Alums...

Nicole Best '96 and '97

Hi Alice, its Nicole Best from YDC '96 (the first year) and '97. I'm doing well. Trying to take some refresher classes at Broadway Dance Center. Still workin at News 12 Westchester those same crazy overnight hours. Will try to come by the reunion. I hope you are doing well. I know you are still inspiring and sharing the love of dance like you did to me and so many fellow YDC members and your students at Fieldston.

John Kasten '03 jfkasten33@gmail.com

Hello Alice, I am so glad to have good news for you. I am currently dancing with Elizabeth Streb's dance company. I just graduated from the University at Buffalo with my B.A. in Dance, so things are moving along. How are you, William? How is the program running?

Brittany Conigatti '06 bconigatti@gmail.com
 Brittany graduated from LaGuardia High School of the Performing Arts in '09 as a dance major and will be graduating this February from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy as a musical theatre major. She is signed with Bloc Talent Agency. Brittany has worked at the Paper Mill Playhouse as a cheerleader in their production of Disney High School Musical and in their recent production of Hairspray as the female swing. She can be seen as a principle in the upcoming film *Dancer Chronicles*. Brittany was also a principle in the music video *It's All Right* by Aviv Geffin. She has performed on MTV and for the New Jersey Nets. In the near future she has dreams of being on Broadway.

Kiara Johnson '06

Finishing up my 2nd year at Queensborough Community College as a dance major. Preparing to transfer to a 4-year university, may be out of town or Fordham, NYU or LIU. Making my way to Manhattan every now and then to take some classes. See ya soon!!

Evelyn Chen '07

Hey guys! I'm studying dance at SUNY Purchase as a freshman. I just performed in the *Nutcracker* (my first real one) as in snow and flowers. Who ever thought I would be doing pointe? I'm looking into the Batsheva Company for a summer intensive, which I never would be doing had I not seen Cedar-



lake doing Decadance with YDC in 2007.

Kayan James '07

I am finishing up my last year at Lehman College. I will be graduating in May 2011, with a Bachelors of Science in Physics, and a minor in Mathematics. It has been some time since I have seriously danced, however I did take a dance class this semester, and I also did a final presentation where I partnered up with a fellow dancer, Roberto Eagle. It was a very captivating and inspirational performance, according to feedback! We also had spoken word interwoven which

added to the richness and beauty of the piece. I am also involved in a research project, at City College of New York, on organic and efficient solar cell production. Overall I am enjoying life, being open to new experiences, being present in every moment and doing my best to inspire. See you at the reunion! PEACE, LOVE & SOUL!!!! xxx

Jenee' Whitehead '08 Whiteheadjenee@yahoo.com
 This season has been turning out great for me so far! I've participated in the Dumbo Dance Festival this past September with the Artis Smith and Dancers modern company and will be performing again in January 2011 in the Cool New York

Dance Festival. I continue to take modern dance classes and training on a weekly basis with them and feel really rewarded to have the opportunity to be the youngest dancer in the group among much more seasoned performers. I've been promoted to Artistic Director of the Hip-hop dance group *DynamiQ Faction* and have recently competed in the *Prelude East Coast Dance* competition! This past fall was my first season of intense training, rehearsals, and competing with the team. It has been one of the most extraordinary experiences of my life. We have grown so close as a family and they are all such wonderful

individuals talented in different ways. We hope to place in the next most competitive hip-hop dance competition: *World of Dance 2011* and appear on television again.

I'm finishing my Junior fall semester at Brooklyn College as a marketing concentration and small

YDC, a unique, free, non-profit program for teen dancers, needs your support. We welcome your fully tax-deductible contribution of any amount. All contributions will be listed in our Gala Finale Concert Program. Please make check payable to: **YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY, ECFS** and mail to: **YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY, Fieldston School 3901 Fieldston Road Bronx, NY 10471 THANKS**

Congratulations to Brittany Conigatti YDC '06. She was awarded the 2009 Young Arts National Merit and Regional Scholarship for modern dance.

(Jeneé cont'd)

business entrepreneurship minor. I have only two more semesters of French language class before I can study abroad in Paris next fall which I am more than excited for. Lastly, I continue to run my business Benji Omega knitted accessories and am also assisting in the launch of the brand: Handbags by Carmen Le Fleur. In short, I guess you could say I'm keeping really busy but to be honest I'm just sticking to what I love to do and it's making me very ver happy!

Talia Banks '09

Hi Alice! I am just emailing to say hi!!! How are you??? How is everything?? Miss you dearly. School is going great!!!!!! I just took a semester of African Dance as my audition for dance as minor. I will definitely try to make it on the 29th!

Alexandra Sarmiento '09

Hey Alice! I have great news to share-I recently submitted myself to the Young Arts competition and I have had the pleasure to be selected as one of the 20 finalists for dance out of thousands of applicants chosen to go to Miami, Florida for Young Arts week. I am so excited to go and work with people from all around the country and learn from all the esteemed artists that will be there. On another note, I don't think I've ever been this busy before! As a senior at LaGuardia our Senior Showcase is in the works and it's so exciting to work as a company with all the students. I'm also in the midst of college auditions which are nerve racking and thrilling at the same time. Over the summer I won a national title and was also the highest scoring senior soloist at Legacy Dance Championships (I even got a tiara haha).

Even though it's been over a year since I was part of *YDC* I still easily remember how much fun it was and the experiences I had from that summer have extremely influenced my growth as a dancer and as an individual. Can't wait to see you again! I will try my best to leave work early so I can make it for the Reunion Party. I might be late but I will be there:]

Jackie Barzvi '10

Hey Alice! I have some news for you :) I'm currently at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and I love it here! I'm taking a modern and improvisation class that is extremely similar to what we've done over the summer. I also have started the first ever UMass Hip Hop Dance Crew and we just had auditions on Tuesday! I also started the first ever official UMass Belly Dance Club which is going very well so far. I got into the Emerging Choreographer Series Performance at the end of the year here too! I plan on becoming a dance major here and if that does not work out I will continue dancing and my career as a Choreographer. Thank you for all the opportunities you gave me this summer, It has really prepared me for dancing in college :) Hope all is well,

Kessie Brawner '10

All I've been doing is dance dance dance at school and at the Ailey School. I just can't stop and I never plan on it!

Zaire Michel '10

Performed in a dance competition and won Second Place. Danced in Maryland. Choreographing an upcoming high school show. Performed at a fashion show. Saw a dance performance at my dream school, Hofstra, and went to their Open House.

Anjette Rostock '10

Currently I am dancing at Harlem School of the Arts, taking ballet and modern classes. Also, I am beginning to dance in a Nai-Ni Chen dance repertory piece.

Alisha Woodley '10

I dance 4 days a week at Bronx Dance Theater. Am doing pointe work. It's been fun, but not as fun as *YDC* '10. I will also be performing at Bronx Dance Theater.

Gabrielle Vazquez '10

I applied to Hostra U. for Spring 2011, theater department. This winter I am so excited that we (*YDC*) were featured in David Parker's Nut/Cracked at DTW. And can't wait to see all of you guys again.

News of Faculty

Congratulations to Jennifer Lee and Walter on the birth of their twins this past spring. Jennifer will be back with *YDC* as Costumer for the 2011 season.

Jessica Gaynor

I have been very busy since the end of the wonderful 2010 *YDC* season. My company, Jessica Gaynor Dance, performed at Jacob's Pillow in the Inside/Out Festival on August 6. Back in the city in mid-August, the company was busy in the studio developing our newest evening-length piece titled (x,y,z) which plays with dance as a multi-dimensional form. Through a manipulation of patterns and densities the overarching sense of space both contracts and expands, ranging from cramped, restrictive forms to open, expansive landscapes. The company performed an excerpt of (x,y,z) at the 92nd Street Y Fridays at Noon Kick-off event on October 1st and premiered the evening-length work November 18-21 at Triskelion Arts, selling out all 4 shows. Due to the overwhelming success of (x,y,z), we have been invited back to Triskelion for an encore presentation February 12-13 at 8pm. Additionally, the company will be presented by Gotham Arts Exchange at Dance Theater Workshop January 5-6 at 7:30, where we will perform an excerpt of (x,y,z) in a shared concert. It would be great to see *YDC* alum at the performances at DTW and Triskelion

Arts. And keep me posted on your upcoming performances as well!

William Catanzaro

Mr. Catanzaro has been busy putting the finishing touches to his new CD titled "Piano Works" due in March 2011 and available through CD baby.com/Catanzaro. It holds several compositions, including some performed by Dance Companies in the US and internationally. He has also been commissioned by acclaimed Japanese dancer/choreographer Motoko Hirayama to compose a new piece to be performed at the Kyoto Art Center, Japan in March 2011. He will be leading a workshop with renowned dance teacher Milton Myers in Paris, France in May and, following the *YDC* 2011 season, he will be back touring Japan with Kanji Segawa and DPNY in August.

Alice Teirstein

Alice performed at the 92nd St. Y in February as part of the celebration of the Y's 75th anniversary year. In May, her dance students at Fieldston gave her a dancing part as the "Ringleader" in their finale circus dance in the Fieldston Spring Dance Concert (fun!). Alice was honored in March by the Bronx Arts Ensemble, for her work with Bronx public school students. Alex and Richie honored her by dancing Iva's choreography at the event. The audience was moved by the beautiful performance of Iva's duet. The September 2010 issue of Dance Teacher Magazine had an article about Alice's teaching at the Fieldston School.

In December, Dance Theater Workshop held a gala celebrating all the choreographers whose work had been selected through the years, since the 1960's, for its "Fresh Tracks" series. Alice Teirstein's early works were among the collection. Alice's career is the cover story of the January issue of Bronx Dance Magazine, featuring *YOUNG DANCEMAKERS COMPANY'S* contribution to dance in the Bronx.

Congratulations to
Alexandra Sarmiento,
YDC '09.
She is a 2011 Young Arts
Finalist in Modern Dance.



Eating Again and Again