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Mark DeGarmo Dance Will Release Its 2024 *Global Dance Circle for Social Change, Part 9: Celebration!* On Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Mark DeGarmo Dance launched its *Global Dance Circle for Social Change* video series during the COVID-19 pandemic as a compassionate NYC and global dance and arts leader in order to metaphorically hold hands around the Earth with diverse global dance practitioners and communities. This solidarity reached across borders, boundaries, languages, and politics. To celebrate the winter solstice and worldwide dance and movement artists contributing to positive social change through dance, Mark DeGarmo Dance will premiere its ***Global Dance Circle for Social Change, Part 9: Celebration!*** on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. MDD includes contributions from 5 countries, 8 U.S. states, and 7 time zones, including over 85 dance artists. The spirit of celebration is reflected in 10-second movement contributions performed in diverse environments. *Global Dance Circle for Social Change, Part 9: Celebration!* will be available free-of-charge on Tuesday, December 17 on Mark DeGarmo Dance's social media sites, including Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, Vimeo, and website.

MDD's open-access short video features professional and recreational dancers and creative movers from around the world, including Bangladesh, Canada, Greece, and Switzerland, as well as Alabama, California, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, and Pennsylvania. The video features a diverse range of dynamic performances, including a vibrant NYC parade, a dance academy in Bangladesh, expressive choreography in a picturesque park in Athens, Greece, as well as theatrical dance incorporating traditional Indigenous movements, among other captivating scenes and environments.

The 24 contributors to *Global Dance Circle for Social Change Part 9: Celebration!* include: Aika Takeshima (NYC); Angela Stoecklin (Zurich); CEBU Inc Tribu Cebuano (Queens, NYC); Dancing Earth - Eco Elegies (Santa Fe); Eva Tortora (NYC); Georgia Milla (Athens); Hamsa Fae (Los Angeles); Jesse Obremski (NYC); Kabore Yaya (Bronx); Kinding Sindaw (NYC); Marianna Koytsan/Neta-Kinetics (Brooklyn); Marija Krtolica (Brooklyn); May Kesler (Chevy Chase, MD); Mark DeGarmo Dance's Arts Administrative, Fundraising, and Citizen Leadership Summer 2024 Interns from City University of New York and Prep for Prep, and MDD Administrative and Marketing Associate (Carl John Abella, Kathy Fung, Tasha Jeffers, Thalia Honorat, Nicole Leong, Ruby Rivera; and Maddie Moayedi) (NYC); Natalie Long (Brooklyn); Nick M Daniels/The DANA Movement Ensemble (Pittsburg); Runyu Feng (Newark, NJ); Sara Pizzi (Queens, NYC); ShaeLynn Bordyschuk, (Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada); Sharony Green (Tuscaloosa); Shoko Tamai (NYC); Sloka Iyengar (NYC); Taylor Hartman (Springfield, MO); and Uzzal Dance Academy (Dhaka, Bangladesh).

Since its launch in 2020 to mitigate the effects of the global pandemic on human health and well-being by connecting a global community of dancing people, MDD's Global Dance Circle for Social Changes has in 9 broadcasts secured the participation of over 598 dancers from 28 countries, 22 US states, and 16 time zones. In 2025, Mark DeGarmo Dance will celebrate its 38th anniversary as a leading New York City nonprofit dance organization promoting education, performance, and intercultural community. President

Barack Obama commended Dr. DeGarmo and MDD for “your service to your community and the nation.” The National Endowment for the Arts deemed MDD’s suite of programs and NYC dance education program for under-resourced public elementary children of color “a national model.” Mark DeGarmo Dance’s evidence-based ***Partnerships in Literacy through Dance and Creativity*** program annually reaches up to 1,000 students and 200 teachers in NYC’s under-resourced public schools.

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