

PHILADANCO!

"**PHILADANCO's** dancers are a miracle of skill and energy. They work in a range of idioms most companies don't even try to possess... A company that can do more than just anything. It can represent the possibilities of human spirit through dance."

Dance Magazine

Philadelphia's premiere modern dance company, **PHILADANCO** was created in 1970 to address the lack of opportunities for minority dancers in the Delaware Valley. In the 41 years since then, **PHILADANCO** has advanced from a small community-based company to an internationally renowned institution with a reputation for promoting new and emerging dance talent. **PHILADANCO's** Instruction and Training program has earned national recognition for providing world-class dance instruction taught by internationally renowned instructors at nominal to nonexistent fees. In addition to mentoring and promoting young dancers and choreographers, the company provides studio space to small companies and independent artists at low or no cost, and was the first company in Philadelphia to offer low-cost housing to dancers. **PHILADANCO**'s dancers receive exquisite training in a wide range of dance idioms; young predominantly African-American choreographers are cultivated and supported; and seasoned, critically acclaimed choreographic work is preserved through our programming. The resident modern dance company of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, **PHILADANCO** is a pillar of the Philadelphia arts community and one that serves as a distinguished cultural ambassador around the globe. With all of the company's artistic achievements, **PHILADANCO** has never lost sight of its mission to "present the highest quality of professional dance performance and improve the skills of emerging and professional dancers and choreographers in a nurturing environment, while increasing the appreciation of dance among its many communities."



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