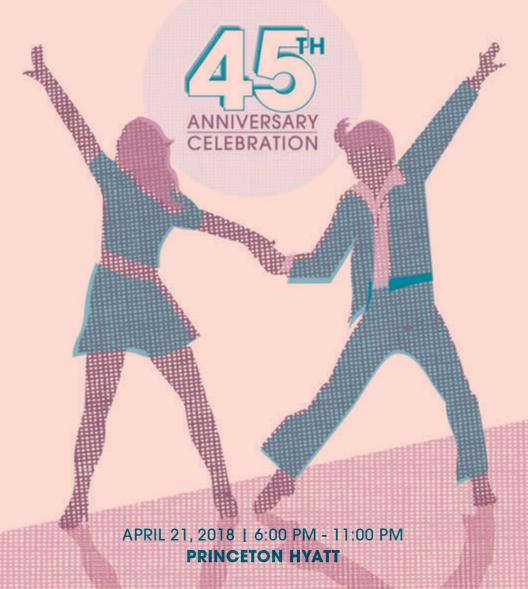
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An Extraordinary Evening To Benefit Young Audiences Arts For Learning



# THE ARTS ADVOCATE PLEDGE

#### **RAISE YOUR HAND AND REPEAT AFTER ME:**

The Arts are my Heart!

Each morning I awaken

fueled by the challenge:

How can I light up a child's life with Art?

Somewhere there is a young person

who is hungry for the orange, the red, the brilliant yellow of a paintbrush, the soothing word of a poet,

the pirouette that soars and saves

and I am committed to fulfilling this need!

There is no shame in my Art game!

I was born this way!!

Everyday I enrich a child's life.

I will not stop until the world

is filled with children who have been inspired, and taught by Art.

This is my quest! My guiding star!



# EVENING PROGRAM

#### **COCKTAILS & MINGLING**

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#### **YA TEACHING ARTISTS**

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Gayle Danley Seth Reichgott
David Harrell TAHIRA
Alice Leon Mark Wong

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#### **SALAD COURSE**

#### STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Eldridge Park Elementary School, Lawrence, NJ Alice Leon, Songwriting and Digital Technology

Hedgepeth Williams Middle School for the Arts, Trenton, NJ **Jacob Winterstein, Performance Poetry** 

Cambridge Elementary School, Kendall Park, NJ **TAHIRA, Storytelling** 

#### **MAIN COURSE**

#### **FUND-A-NEED**

Seth Reichgott, Auctioneer

#### MAD HOT BALLROOM DANCE COMPETITION

Jeannie & Juan Jeffrey & Maria Carol & Ilya Tom & Darya

#### **DESSERT & DANCING**

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#### **CAROL GOLDEN**

Attorney & Community Activist

"I decided to participate in YA's Dazzle Mad Hot Ballroom because I wanted to do something completely outside my comfort zone while still contributing to my community in a meaningful way. I'm nervous and excited to start my dancing career!"



#### **JEFFREY M. VEGA**

PRINCETON AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION President & CEO

"At PACF we are working to ensure that All Kids Thrive, and through my work, I've had the chance to see how YA partners with schools to make arts education accessible to all students. The arts play a vital role in enriching young lives, which is why I proudly will dance for the arts at Dazzle."



#### **TOM SULLIVAN**

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"I love Young Audiences because they open eyes, bring joy and inspire thousands of students to embrace the arts and each other. Isn't that what we all need?"

#### **JEANNINE CIMINO**

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"I work hard to set a good example for my children by making it a priority to give back to my community. I feel very lucky that I was able to take dance lessons throughout my childhood and I am looking forward to putting my dancing shoes back on to support Young Audiences so ALL children can experience the arts."

# MEET OUR PROFESSIONAL DANCERS



#### **ILYA ABDULLIN**

Ilya is originally from Russia and has been dancing Ballroom and Latin since 1992. He received a degree in dance choreography from the Academy of Culture and Arts in Chelyabinsk. During his career, Ilya has participated in local, national, and international events and competitions. He won many awards and titles as both a member and as captain and choreographer of the champion formation team "Impulse." Ilya moved to the U.S.A. to join Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Princeton's team of instructors in July 2014 and currently competes with his professional partner Tara.



#### **MARIA SHUMAKHER**

Maria Shumakher began dancing at the age of 6. After one year of training she new she was very interested in this new hobby. Today dancing is her lifestyle, her job, her family. What could be better?! Maria has 16 years of experience as a professional competitor and 11 years as a dance teacher for students of different ages in Russia. She has just recently moved to the USA to be an instructor and study American Style with Fred Astaire Dance Studios.



#### **DARYA GIDASPOVA**

Darya was born in St. Petersburg, Russia. She began her training with ballet in U.S.A. with the International Ballet Theater Academy and later moved back to her home city to study in one of the premier schools of Classical Ballet in St. Petersburg. She graduated in 2012 and moved back to the US where she found her passion for ballroom dancing. After a long journey of dancing Darya joined the Fred Astaire Princeton Team in 2015. She has participated in many ballets, danced with the St. Petersburg Conservatory of Ballet and Opera, competed in numerous ballet competitions and later Fred Astaire and Independent Ballroom Competitions. She is very excited to be a part of this year's Dazzle event!



#### **JUAN RAMIREZ**

Born in Oaxaca, Mexico, Juan immersed himself into the performing arts at a very early age. He started break dancing and hip hop at the age of 8. Since moving to the U.S.A. with his family, Juan has continued his extensive training in music and dance. With a strong background in Latin Social Dancing – Salsa, Bachata, and Zouk – he has also learned to excel in Ballroom, Modern, and Latin Jazz. Juan has been a professional instructor at FADS Princeton since January of 2013 and actively performs and competes both professionally and with his students.



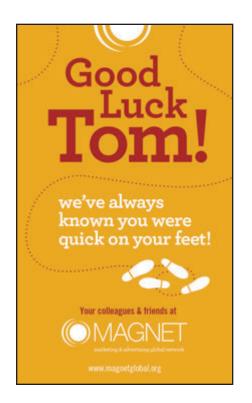
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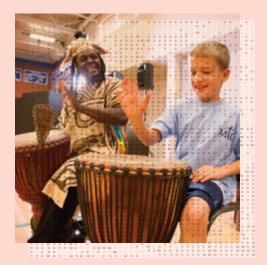
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Jayden, a young boy with Down Syndrome, connects with his peers as he shares dance moves learned with teaching artists Hip Hop Fundamentals

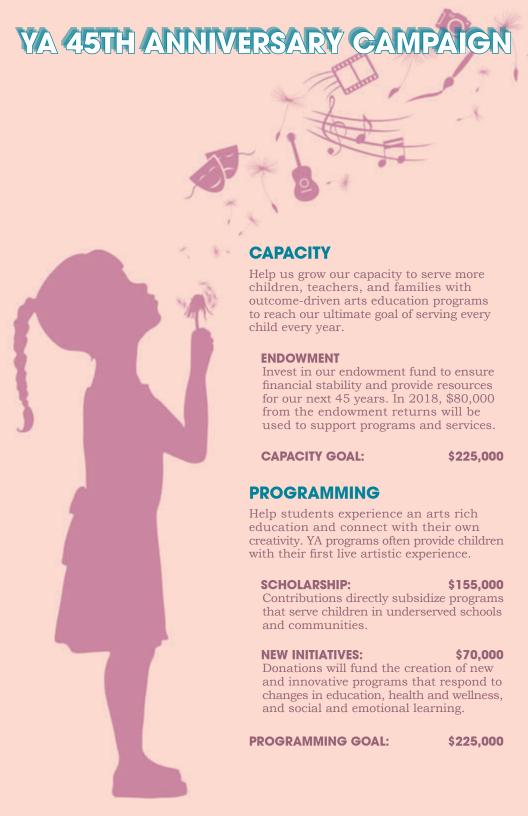
Refugee children from Myanmar learn pantomime, enabling them to communicate with classmates for the first time since coming to the US

A teen struggling with depression agrees to counseling after a teaching artist shares a poem about a young man rising above life's challenges



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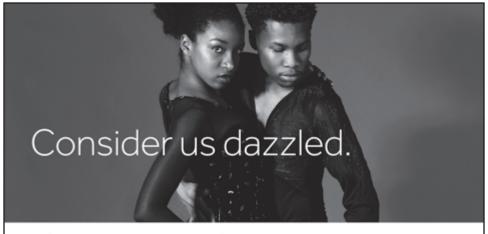
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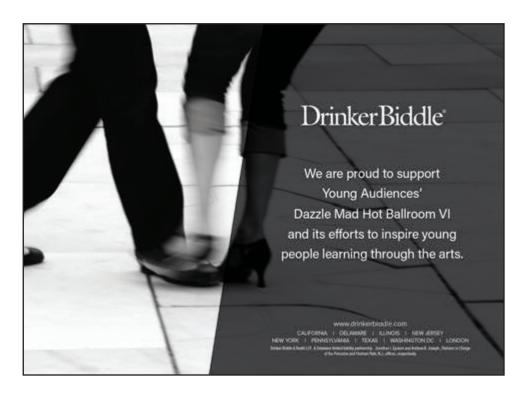


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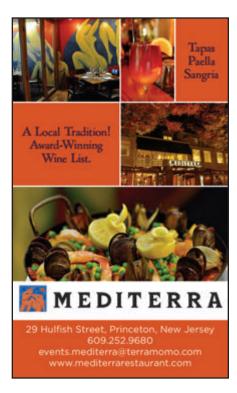
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SHOW EVERYONE
HOW WONDERFULLY
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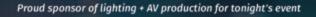
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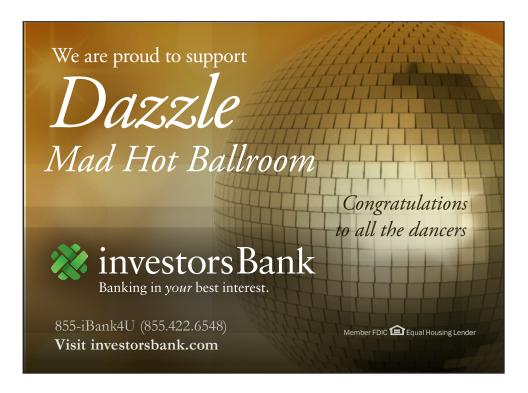
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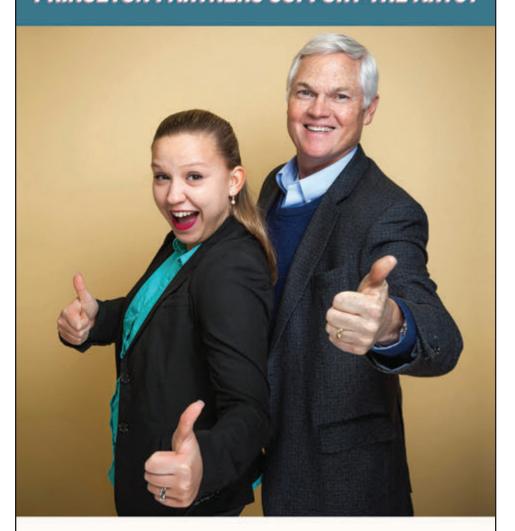
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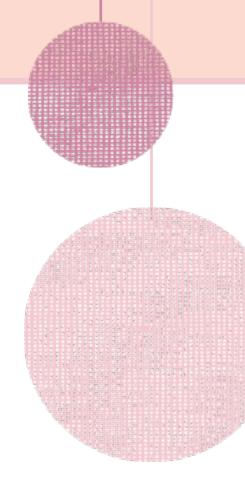




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