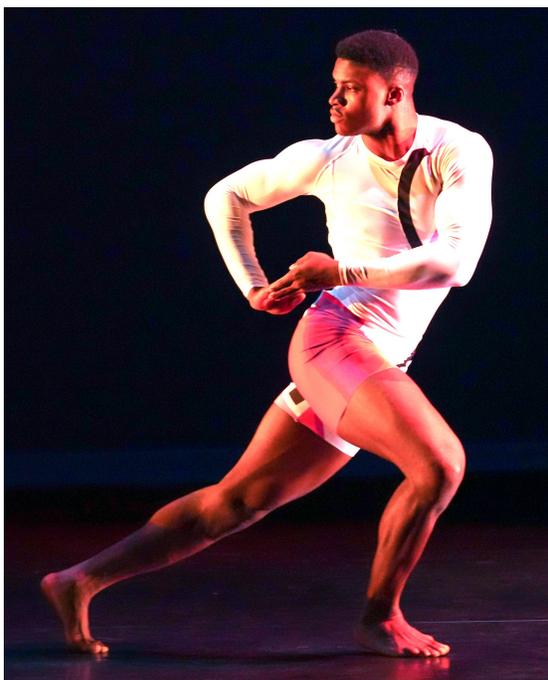
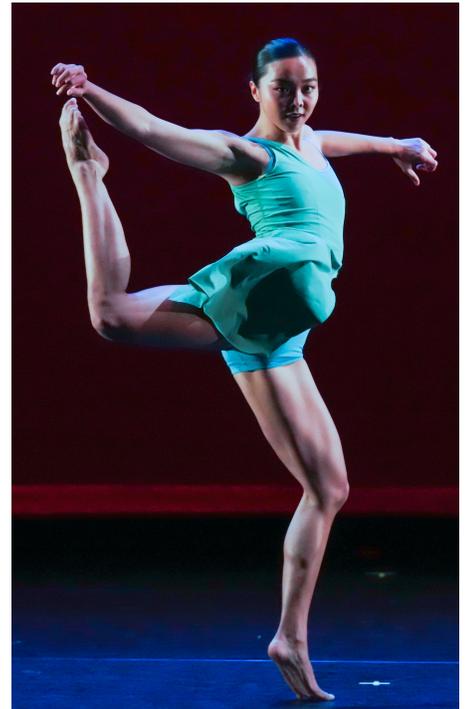


JON LEHRER DANCE COMPANY



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“The company took the house not so much by storm as by quantum physics.”
- Dance Magazine



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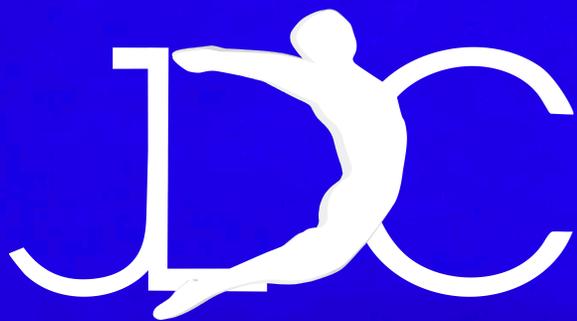
Artistry & Athleticism

Based in NYC since 2019, Jon Lehrer started his company in 2007 in Buffalo, NY and has already received worldwide critical acclaim. Under his artistic direction, the company showcases Jon's unique choreography and embodies his definitive style. His extensive background in both the modern and jazz dance idioms fosters choreography that is organic, artistic, athletic, and full of joy.

With creativity and the ability to make new and innovative dance accessible to all audiences, the company has made quite a name for themselves in the dance world. Striking the elusive balance between art and entertainment, Jon Lehrer Dance Company showcases unique choreography and a fun, distinctive style creating a true spectacle onstage which can be enjoyed by dance experts and novices alike.

JLDC tours extensively, bringing their trademark style to audiences worldwide. The company was brought to Russia from 2012 – 2016, sponsored by the US State Department in order to, as they said, "bring the best in American modern dance to the people of Russia." JLDC tours to Europe every other year having made their 4th trip in January 2022 for another world premiere performance.

Jon Lehrer Dance Company is dedicated to maintaining the impact of dance through performance, education, outreach, community involvement, and collaboration. The professional dancers of JLDC work collaboratively towards a common creative goal, while maintaining and developing their own artistic voice. JLDC operates with integrity at all levels, respecting and honoring ideas from constituent groups including dancers, directors, and the public.



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Rave Reviews

Dance Magazine

“Jon Lehrer's strikingly original choreography transformed the stage into an energy field of super-charged particles.”

Galerie Ortenau – Offenburg, Germany

“Dynamic, Powerful, Elegant – brings an absolute passion for the dance. The audience in Offenburg just rejoiced for being part of this great moment in dance.”

Dance Source Houston

“If there is something you can expect from this work, it is that it is going to go somewhere unexpected. This delightful trend is what brought the audience to its feet. ‘Y'all come back now.’ Lehrer is welcome any time on Houston turf.”

Sudkurier – Villengen–Schwenningen, Germany

“Athletic dance theater in perfection. Technically masterful and aesthetically fascinating.”

Buffalo News

“The company has built its fan base through the sheer creativity of its work, the incredible athleticism of the dancers and irresistible vibe of a company that has figured out how to strike that elusive balance between art and entertainment.”

Die Rheinpfalz – Landau, Germany

“Lehrer has developed a language of dance all of his own – athletic and graceful at the same time, powerful and supple, fluent and rhythmic.”

Click to watch:
[JLDC Promo Video](#)



Presenters Agree

Sonia Clark – Executive Director, Artpark – Lewiston, NY

“Jon Lehrer Dance Company has been a tremendous artistic asset to our community. Jon’s inclusive, collaborative nature and world-class creative skill have helped us develop the Artpark’s Keybank Summer Solstice Festival into a new type of multifaceted performing arts event nurturing new meaningful artistic relationships with national and international talent.

Sven Graf – Head of Dance and Entertainment, Konzertdirektion Landgraf

“I highly appreciate Jon's work. His artistic and creative talent and his professionalism make him an ideal partner on and off stage. I look forward to more successful European tours together.”

Stacie McDaniel – Director, Georgia Southern University PAC

“I think audiences often have the misconception that contemporary dance is going to be hard to follow, or too out there, or that they won’t be able to appreciate or understand it without a dance background. Jon Lehrer breaks all of those misconceptions down, giving an accessible, colorful performance that is both entertaining and full of artistic merit.”

US Consulate – Vladivostok, Russia

“The company captivated thousands in the Russian Far East as they shared their unique and captivating choreography, making the audience laugh, smile, cry, and wow every second of the performance.”



Community Engagement

Since the beginning, the goal of JLDC has been to create and sustain meaningful and impactful relationships with a wide range of communities and organizations. While on tour, the company does an extensive amount of teaching and community engagement. From elementary schools to universities, dance studios to community centers, JLDC's classes are accessible to all levels, ages, and communities. We believe dance is an expression of joy, and approach all of our classes and engagement activities from this perspective, allowing all communities to have an unforgettable experience with JLDC.

We hold cultural exchange at a high priority and can hold master classes in a multitude of languages, including **Spanish, Italian, and Japanese.**

Lec/Demo & Children's Classes – “Become a SuperDancer with JLDC” is our highly successful, interactive education & outreach program suitable for children of any age. Students laugh and play as they learn real JLDC movements such as Spider-Man, Jellyfish, Sumo Slide, Splash, and Waterfall, followed by a JLDC performance of excerpts from our joyous and exciting repertory. The students get a great physical workout and gain valuable insight into the art and athleticism of dance, while being highly entertained.

Pre & Post-Show Discussions – Connecting with our audiences is important to us. Choose a pre-show discussion where Jon Lehrer gives insights into the company, his choreographic vision, and what the audience will see that evening. Choose a post-show discussion and have your audience meet and hear from the entire company.

Master Classes – Integrating the approach and fluidity of modern dance and the excitement and energy of jazz dance with physics to create an expressive, engrossing style of movement. Students of all levels learn the technique, style, & repertory that Dance Magazine says is “on the cusp of jazz/modern fusion.” Master classes taught by Jon Lehrer or senior company members.

Setting Choreography – Jon Lehrer can set his dynamic choreography on groups of all sizes and levels. From dance studio to high school, college to professional, JLDC repertory can be customized to fit all your needs. In many of our performances, these students open our shows with the work we set, connecting us even more to the community and bringing larger audiences to the show.



Dr. Phillips HS – Orlando, FL



Lec/Demo – Geneva, NY



Dance for Parkinson's Disease – Buffalo, NY

See an example of the full impact the company has on the communities they visit:

JLDC Tour Vlog 10:

“Florida Tour 2022”

(Click to watch)

**6 weeks / 3 performances / 23 schools / 75 classes
225 hours of outreach / 430 students**

Comedy Dance

Laughter fulfills a basic human need, when we laugh together positive things occur. We perform comedic works in every show, connecting to audiences in a unique and special way.



Watch & learn more about
3 of JLDC's signature
comedic works:

"Loose Canon"

"SuperZeroes"

"Pulp"

"Lehrer and the dancers of his wonderfully game dance company, were funny and brilliant at the same time."

- Chicago Sun-Times

"With a lot of wit and slapstick the dancers take the audience on a crazy journey, showing that dance theater can be poetic, expressive, and moving."

- RP-Online - Vieren, Germany

Cultural Diplomacy – JLDC Tours Russia

In 2012, Jon Lehrer Dance Company was invited to perform in Russia by the US Consulate, Vladivostok. The tour was sponsored by the US State Department in order to, as the Consulate put it, “bring the best in American modern dance to the people of Russia.” After the huge success of the first tour, the company was invited back four more times from 2012–2016. These cultural diplomacy tours brought the company to Vladivostok, Anadyr, Perm, Yekaterinburg, Chukotka, and Berezniki.

The following is the US Consulate’s justification for inviting Jon Lehrer Dance Company to Russia for an unprecedented four years in a row:

“The purpose of this grant is to support the visit of US dance company Jon Lehrer Dance Company to Anadyr, Chukotka. The visit will include performances, master classes, media events, and open rehearsals for a wide range of audiences including dance students and connoisseurs. The post has never conducted a cultural outreach of this level in Chukotka, although the government of Chukotka has been requesting such programs for several consecutive years. The grantee was selected based on a very positive experience the post had with the company in the past couple of years. The group was very well accepted in Vladivostok and Kamchatka. The performances of the group are inspiring and innovative, demonstrating high professionalism and unique ability to captivate the audiences. “



Arrival in Anadyr



Master Class for students in Yekaterinburg



Workshop with “Ergyron”

The Russian
Chukchi–Eskimo
Song and Dance Ensemble

Chukotka

Jon Lehrer

Jon Lehrer, who was raised in Queens, New York, took his very first dance class at age 19 at the University at Buffalo. While dating a dancer, Jon teased her about how easy it must be to get an A in a dance class. The girl dared Jon to try a beginning level modern dance class and his life was changed. Jon ultimately received his BFA in Dance from the University at Buffalo.

As a professional, Jon has danced with the Erick Hawkins Dance Company, Paul Sanasardo, John Passafiume Dancers, in Merv Griffin's "Funderful" in Atlantic City, NJ, and the Radio City Rockettes Christmas Spectacular. In 1997, Jon was hired by Giordano Dance Chicago, the world's preeminent jazz dance company. After only three years he was promoted to Rehearsal Director and then became the Associate Director two years later. During his ten years with Giordano, Jon also became the resident choreographer, creating seven original works on the company that received rave reviews all around the world.

Jon has set his work on several professional dance companies and universities all over the country. He teaches master classes throughout the U.S. and around the world, having been on faculty at Dance Masters of America, Jazz Dance World Congress, Dance Teacher Summer Conference, Chicago National Association of Dance Masters (CNADM), Chautauqua Institution, Florida Dance Educators Organization, and Florida Dance Masters to name a few. Jon has received many awards and honors, including the University at Buffalo Zodiac Dance Company Distinguished Alumni Award, CNADM's Artistic Achievement Award, University at Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award, and the "Rising Star" SPARK Award in Buffalo, NY.

"I don't recall ever meeting a work by Jon Lehrer I didn't like."
Sid Smith, Chicago Tribune



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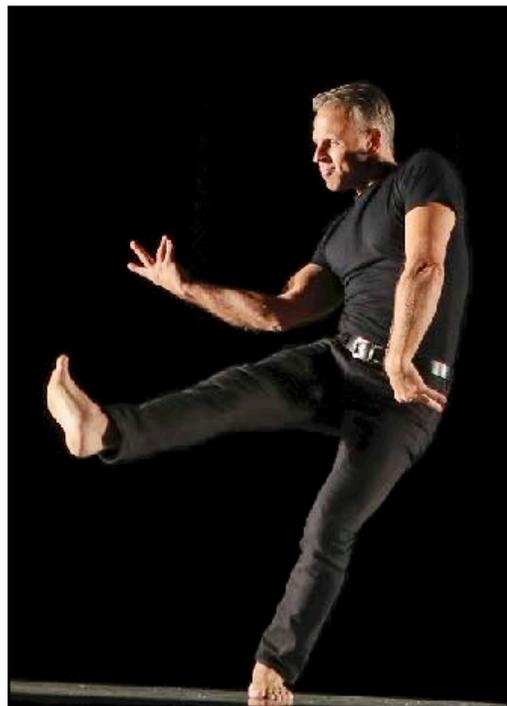


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