



UNITED DANCE COMPANY  
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## **A MIXED BILL ABOUT RESILIENCE, BELONGING, AND THE PURSUIT OF DREAMS | MARCH 8 & 9, 2025 | 3 PM**

BOSTON, MA – February 25, 2025 – United Dance Company returns with *From Boston to New York*, a bold and evocative mixed bill featuring three distinct yet interwoven works—*The Letter*, *Sundaey*, and *From Boston to New York*—offering a deeply human exploration of resilience, belonging, and the pursuit of dreams.

At a time when diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts are under scrutiny, United Dance Company makes it clear: representation in the arts is what truly transcends barriers. The company, composed of professional dancers with and without a disability, invites audiences into a world where movement is a force for connection and change.

### **A Production Rooted in Real Stories**

- *The Letter* is an unprecedented collaboration, created by United Dance Company's artists and their families. It is a deeply personal reflection on parenthood, uncertainty, and the universal desire to give the next generation a world filled with possibility. This piece does not just portray emotions—it embodies lived experiences, offering a rare and profound connection between audience and performer, with a surprise and moving integration embedded into the performance.
- *Sundaey* is a vibrant contrast—a comedic, high-energy piece packed with charm and theatricality. Laughter and levity take center stage, reminding us that joy is just as vital as reflection.
- *From Boston to New York* closes the evening with a journey that is both literal and metaphorical. Set to Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, it follows Brady, a young artist pursuing his dream in New York City, capturing the universal experience of ambition, risk, and transformation.

With vivid storytelling, dynamic choreography, and a fully narrated format, *From Boston to New York* is accessible to all audiences, offering a sensory-friendly experience designed to welcome and engage viewers of every background and ability.

### **We Represent Our Community**

Since its founding in June 2022, United Dance Company has sparked a powerful response from audiences. For some, seeing representation on stage is a first—a reflection of a world that should exist in every theater, dance company, and creative space.

“This production is for every dancer, artist, and audience member who has ever felt unseen. We invite you to be part of something greater than a performance—we invite you to be part of these shared stories.” — Boris Richir, Founder and Director of United Dance & Company

For more information and tickets, visit [www.uniteddance.org/boston-to-new-york](http://www.uniteddance.org/boston-to-new-york)

## **PRESS & MEDIA**

United Dance Company invites members of the press to attend dress rehearsals and experience this production firsthand. Interviews with the artistic team and company dancers are available upon request at [ktien@uniteddance.org](mailto:ktien@uniteddance.org).

## **INFORMATION**

### Performances

When? March 8 & 9, 2025 (3 PM)

Where? BU Dance Theater, 915 Commonwealth Ave. Boston, MA 02215

More information? [www.uniteddance.org/boston-to-new-york](http://www.uniteddance.org/boston-to-new-york)

### Will be there

Boris Richir, director United Dance

Gianni Di Marco, choreographer

Dancers of the United Dance Company

Parents and families of the company dancers with Down syndrome

IMAGES: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EHxzNxXQREZrLJpoM8SQaZP7rc0t7szi?usp=sharing>

## **About United Dance:**

United Dance offers high-quality dance courses for individuals with Down syndrome on an international level to help ensure all individuals can enjoy exceptional dance classes in a safe and accessible environment. United Dance was founded by professional dancer Boris Richir in 2018 and United Dance Company in 2022, with the core values of inclusion, respect, and excellence.

For more information on United Dance Company, visit [www.uniteddance.org](http://www.uniteddance.org).

## **About United Dance Company:**

In championing inclusion and working with the Down syndrome population, founder and director Boris Richir and choreographer Gianni Di Marco saw the need to create a performing company that reflected United Dance’s mission, representing artists of diverse abilities united in the pursuit of excellence in dance.

Founded in June 2022, the United Dance Company brings together professional dancers, choreographers, and students from United Dance’s course programming. Like its parent organization, United Dance Company is a company like no other and shares the core values of inclusion, respect, and excellence.

The company is based in Boston, Massachusetts, USA where it holds several performances per season.

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