

BOOM

DANCE FEST

SATURDAY
AUGUST 1ST
6:30 PM

Lowell Park
Stillwater, MN

An **EXPLOSIVE**
multicultural dance
performance along the
beautiful St. Croix River.

Brought to you by:



Brought to you by Curio Dance, **BOOM Dance Fest** is a free outdoor performance that showcases classical, cultural and urban dance styles by professional artists from the Twin Cities.

BOOM Dance Fest expands on the visibility of exceptional dancers from the Twin Cities and brings an outdoor environment where the community can enjoy the performing arts!

DUNIYA DRUM AND DANCE

African Drum and Dance Group

Duniya, a word meaning "world" in several languages including Punjabi, Arabic, Susu, and Wolof, perfectly encapsulates the spirit of this remarkable organization. Founded on the principle of cultivating respect for



traditional forms, fostering cultural exchange, and engaging in community building, Duniya Drum And Dance brings master artists from Guinea, Haiti, and Nigeria directly to us. This means Minnesotans have the incredible opportunity to learn from highly respected professionals who are dedicated to sharing the depth and beauty of their ancestral traditions.



CHEREMOSH

Ukrainian Dance Ensemble

Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Ensemble captivates audiences with its rich repertoire of traditional folk dances representing diverse regions of Ukraine. From the Carpathian Mountains to central Ukraine and its fertile steppes, each region boasts unique styles, authentic costumes, and its own music. The dancers' "Hopak" is an exhilarating, crowd-pleasing finale to each performance.



COLLIDE

Theatrical Dance Company

Collide Theatrical Dance Company was founded in 2013 by dancer, choreographer, and actor Regina Peluso, who saw an opportunity to introduce a fresh blend of storytelling dance theater to the Twin Cities. Our name reflects our signature "collision" of jazz, hip-hop, ballet, tap, and other contemporary movement with popular music and powerful stories.



PETER HOFFMAN

Contemporary Soloist

Peter Hoffman is a Minnesota native performer and musician who began his dance training at Curio Dance in 2021. Trained in African, ballet, contemporary, hip hop, jazz, and tap, Peter has performed with Collide Theatrical, Continental Ballet Company, and in productions including

Nutcracker Fantasy, Carmina Burana, and School of Rock.



RICCI MILAN

Tap Dance Extraordinaire

Ricci Milan is an internationally recognized tap artist, choreographer, director, and educator. Co founder of Rhythmic Circus and Buckets and Tap Shoes. Ricci has performed on stages around the world, including Broadway's New Victory Theater, the Kennedy Center, and American Idol. He currently serves as Convention Director for Adrenaline Dance Convention and continues to inspire dancers through performance, choreography, and education.



RITMO LATINO

Latino Dance Company

Ritmo Latino Dance Company is a Minnesota based cultural dance company born from a love for Colombia and a passion for sharing its traditions. Through the richness of Colombian folklore and a unique salsa style rooted in Caleño fundamentals while embracing influences from across the Latin dance world, we celebrate culture, build community, and inspire connection. Every performance is an invitation to experience the joy, passion, and diversity of Colombia and Latin America, reminding us that dance has the power to unite people from all backgrounds.



UPLIFT DANCE TROUPE

Curio Dance Company

UpLift Dance Troupe is a performance group of dancers with intellectual and developmental differences who bring extraordinary talent, energy, and joy to every stage. Supported by Curio Dance Company, UpLift celebrates the power of dance to connect, uplift, and remind us that everyBODY can dance.



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CURIO DANCE SCHOOL

Summer Dance Intensive Students

Curio Dance Company in conjunction with its school is led by professional dancers with advanced dance and performance training. Curio focuses on the dancer, allowing them to discover their own unique talents and love for dance whether the dancer's goal is to perform professionally or dance for their own wellbeing.



Company Directors: Giselle Mejia, Dario Mejia & Caitlin Mejia

BOOM Dance Fest is brought to you by Curio Dance Company whose mission and belief is that everyBODY can dance. Curio Dance Company is a three prong non-profit endeavor that funds professional performances, performances of UpDown Funk (a dance troupe for dancers with special abilities) and a sponsorship program that removes financial barriers so that everyone has access to high quality dance education.

Curio Dance and BOOM Dance Fest participants extend a warm thank you to our sponsors who have gone out of their way to donate and support this event. Thank you!

