

## **Arts In Education 2022 Performing Groups Roster**

### **Arts and Culture Celebration Excite! Engage! Ignite!**

BAC's Arts in Education performances captivate and inspire audiences of all ages, interests, and abilities. Students experience a celebration in arts and culture through music, dance, or theater. Audiences explore language, folk traditions, mythologies, or rituals of regions around the world. Arts and Culture performances help foster creativity, stimulate imagination in your school community, and celebrate many definitions of culture. Book performances for your school at: <https://form.jotform.com/220835440507148>

## **DANCE**

### **Moving to a World Beat**

#### **Calpulli Mexican Dance**

Calpulli Mexican Dance Company shares Mexican folkloric dances with their unique costuming and rhythms. Calpulli's repertoire is a celebration of cultural legacy- past and current, telling stories using the languages of dance, music, & the Mexican-American spirit to connect on universal messages of love & hope.



#### **Okra Dance**

Okra Dance Company weaves connections between the African diaspora, American culture, and rhythmic dances from all over the world. Dancers demonstrate the continuum of American social and theatrical styles of music and dance, tracing rhythm history from the arrival of Africans in the United States in 1619 and the "drum bans," to the dances and music that arose like tap and clogging; Negro spirituals; the blues, ragtime, swing and jazz; to rock and roll, country and hip hop.



## Grupo Ribeiro Brazilian Music & Dance

Get ready to move to the música of Brazil with Grupo Ribeiro! Through song and dance, choreographer and dancer Quenia Ribeiro shares the African, Indigenous and Portuguese cultural roots of Brazilian dance. Performances focus on the diverse cultural tapestry of creative movement from Brazil, which include: Samba, Orixá dance, Maculele, and Capoeira.



## Flamenco y Sol Dance Company

*¡Jaleo!* Music and movement of flamenco comes to life as Flamenco y Sol Dance Company brings the culture of southern Spain to NYC. Featuring a diverse repertoire drawn from cultural influences of North African, Arabic, Judaic, and Spanish cultures, flamenco's fusion creates a world of its own. This multilingual program builds social/emotional connections as the intricacies of flamenco dance and song tell its own story through its rhythms.



## Louis Mofsie and Thunderbird Native American Dancers

Celebrate indigenous people of the United States who continue to live and preserve their rich culture. Since 1963, Thunderbird has shared the traditions of America's indigenous peoples whose histories are integral to the American fabric and critical to maintain. Through song and dance, young audiences will experience the cultures of the Iroquois in the Eastern Woodlands, Sioux and Winnebago in the Plains and the Hopi and Santo Domingo of the Southwest.



## Kotchenga Dance Company

Experience traditional dance and drumming from the Ivory Coast! Kotchegna, a multi-ethnic dance company, performs a repertoire of 60 regional dances and songs, sharing the rich traditions of the peoples of this West African country. With colorful costumes, vibrant songs and joyful dances, Kotchegna shares the spirit and essence of West African life. Sing traditional call and response songs and learn a few steps of traditional Ivorian dances.



# MUSIC

## Exploring Global Rhythms and Sounds

### ZapOte

Dance to the beats from around the world with ZapOte! ZapOte is an all-female multicultural music ensemble performing original fusions of popular music's African roots with a variety of global music from Afro-Cuban song and salsa to Brazilian samba, Haitian kompa and Congolese soukous. These experiential and interactive performances inspire learning through a unique musical journey.



### KONGO

KONGO rhythmically captivates their audience as they share the rich cultural traditions of Haiti. The music and dances carry the struggles and triumphs of Haiti, and the performances encourage students to ignite change in their communities.



### The Michael-David Band

This rhythm and blues journey is an interactive and exciting performance which explores the enduring impact of music. The musicians introduce the audience to the instruments: bass, guitar, keyboards, drums and students will learn the historical context of rhythm and blues, and gain understanding of how music has the power to reflect societal, political and cultural movements of our history and today.



# THEATER & STORYTELLING

## Making Cultural Connections

### Chinese Theatre Works

Experience the richness of Chinese culture through music, dance, shadow theatre, hand puppetry and opera! Chinese Theatre Works seeks to teach audiences worldwide cultural understanding through their performances, which simultaneously combine traditional performance and new cross-cultural techniques.

