



# Calderón Dance Festival

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# Mission

**Calderón Dance Festival exists to create all-ages community programming focused on inclusive, diverse, and equitable opportunities in dance. The mission is an extension of The Plaza District Association (501c3) mission of maintaining The Plaza District as a vibrant and diverse place where arts, local business, and community thrive.**



# About

**After a successful inaugural year in 2022, The Plaza District Association (501c3) is set to host the 2nd Annual Calderón Dance Festival on Sunday, May 7th, 2023 from 12-8 pm in The Plaza District in Oklahoma City. With enthusiasm, The Plaza District brings a dance festival celebrating the life of Shannon Calderón-Primeau and her vision for building a community with inclusive, diverse, and equitable opportunities in dance. Festival offerings include a full day of dance classes and jam sessions at various locations in the district on the same day. Primary goals for the festival are:**

- to bring the community together in celebration of all dance forms**
- to encourage everyday citizens of Oklahoma to move their bodies**
- to offer beginner, intermediate, advanced, and master dance classes for free**

# Legacy of Shannon Calderón-Primeau

**Shannon Calderón-Primeau was the director and owner of Everything Goes Dance Studio (located in The Plaza District next to Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma) from 1995-2015.**

**Shannon had a lucrative professional career as a dancer of many genres including ballet, tap, flamenco, and jazz. She welcomed movers of all abilities, levels and experience. Her dream was to create a festival that was for everyone, offering a range of culturally rich dance classes and performances. She believed in celebrating the origin of movement to help bridge the gap between cultures and generations.**





# Building Upon Inaugural Success

## In 2022...

- Hosted 30 dance instructors across 3 stages.
- Estimated 5k in attendance
- Offered free educational opportunities with over 20 different styles of dance
- Full day of programming included dance performances, a visual artist market, live music, dedicated kids area, and more.
- Festival headliner was world-renowned choreographer, Vincent Paterson. Paterson taught a master class of the original choreography for Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal."



# Inaugural Lineup

## OPEN

Aalim Academy  
Belly Dance

Desiree Roan  
Ballet

Elizabeth Kabrick  
Highlander

G-Merci  
Krump Underground

Hailey Summers  
Freestyle

Hayley Dennison  
Contemporary

Renita Fernandes  
Bharatanatyam

Steve Le  
Vogue

Skye Latimer  
Hip Hop

## BEGINNER

Ashlyn Adams  
Musical Theatre

B-Boy Dell  
Breaking

Brandi Kelley  
Jazz

Halee Harder  
Flamenco

Lynna Tallchief  
Modern

Marti Rickman  
Salsa

Shatimah  
Afrobeat

## INTERMEDIATE

Alfonso "Finest" Pule  
House Dance + Flow

Cassie Van Houten  
Tap

Josh "Yissur" Okpara  
Hip Hop

Rebecca Romero  
Flamenco

Sydney Jennings  
Jazz

## ADVANCED

Austin Hartel  
Modern

Chris "Twix" Shepard  
Hip Hop

Jaime Fuentes  
Folklorico

Megan Murray  
Tap

Vincent Paterson  
Masterclass

## DJs + LIVE ACTS

DJ Brandon Wahl, DJ Dell T, DJ Dirty Disco,  
DJ Nymasis, Edgar Cruz + Firestorm, Emcee  
LaLa Brash, Groovemeant Community,  
Magic Tree Artist Collective



# Supporters

Calderón Dance Festival is possible thanks to generous support from The Kirkpatrick Family Fund. Additional support is provided by



# Our Team

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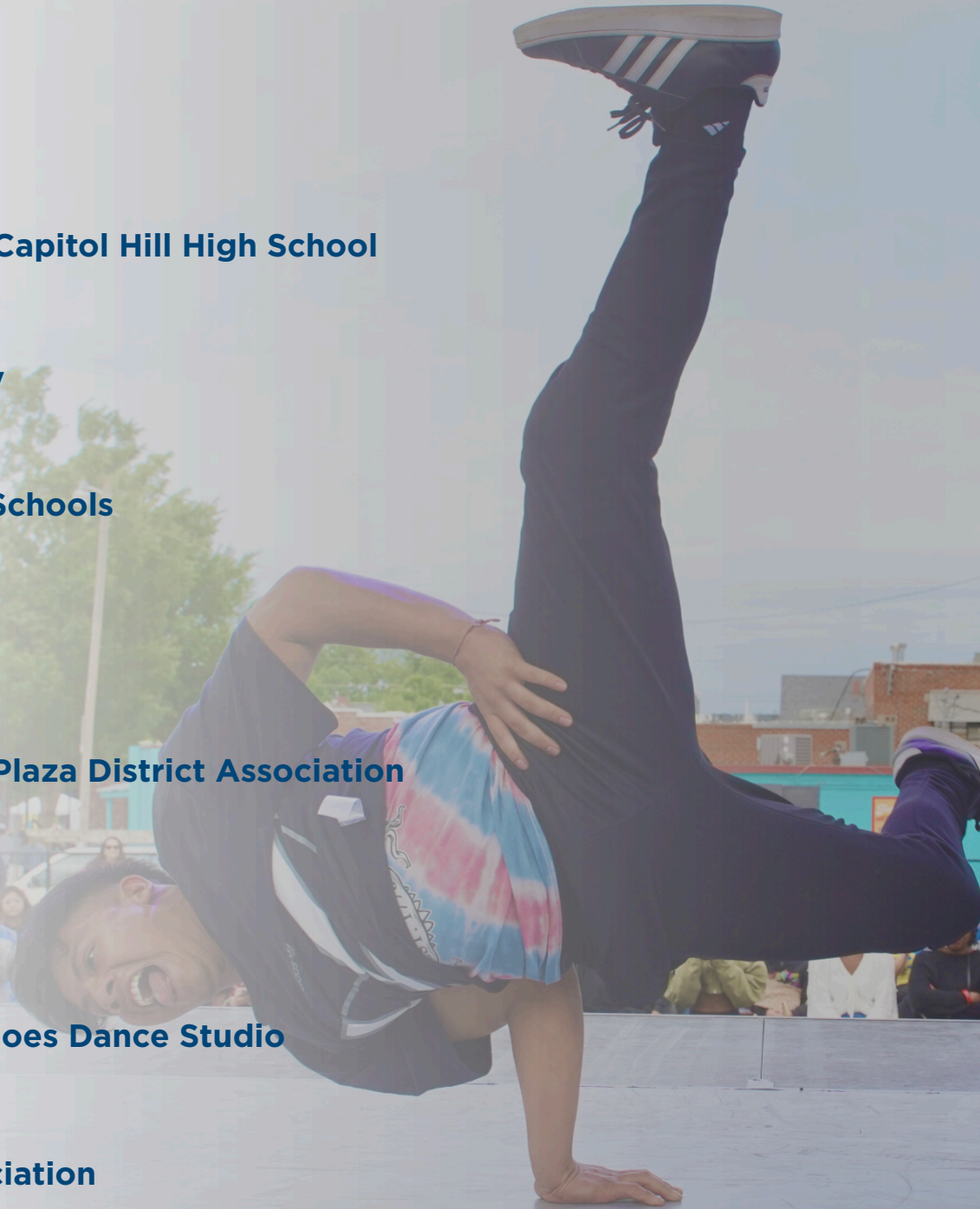
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Owner + Artistic Director | Everything Goes Dance Studio

**Rachael Leonhart**

Executive Director | Plaza District Association







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A photograph of a person performing a handstand in a crowd at an outdoor festival. The person is wearing dark pants and sneakers, with their legs spread wide in the air. The background shows a large crowd of people, some wearing red shirts, and a wall covered in colorful graffiti. The scene is set outdoors with trees and buildings visible in the distance.

# Your Impact

**Simply put, we can't do this with you.**

**With your help, we will be able to...**

- **Commit nearly 50% of our budget to paying dance instructors + performing artists**
- **Complete outreach to all 77 Oklahoma counties, focusing on public schools**
- **Partner with over 30 arts and culture organizations in Oklahoma**
- **Expand festival offerings**
- **Keep the festival free and open to the public**