

A couple of the most popular DANCE placements available through The Philadelphia Center:

Chosen Dance Company; Intern: Chosen Dance Company's goals are the validation of hip Hop dance as a true art form and the accessibility of Hip Hop to audiences regardless of age, ethnicity, or gender. Through entertainment and education, Chosen strives to enhance the global appreciation of Hip hop culture. Chosen believes that it can take Hip Hop dance beyond its traditional boundaries while preserving its purity. The intern may have the opportunity to participate in the marketing and promotions of the company; assist with development, fundraising; and public relations. Interns should be well versed in hip-hop and music and have an outgoing personality. If qualified and interested, you may have the opportunity to dance with the company.

Point Breeze Community Arts Center; Intern: Since its inception in 1984, Point Breeze Performing Arts Center (PBPAC) has been providing year-round, first-rate instruction in the performing arts, public performance opportunities, and a range of support services, including counseling, mentorship, and educational/vocational and cultural exchange programs. Each year, over 1,000 people enroll in PBPAC classes and workshops, and over 70,000 people attend PBPAC performances and community events. PBPAC was started by Dorothy Nolan, a well-known community activist, in a neighborhood suffering the effects of long-term poverty and disinvestment. Her guiding principle was the belief that the performing arts can cause a positive rippling effect that resonates in each community member, translates into good actions, and enhances the quality of life for all. Her daughter, Donna Nolan Brown, took that dream and followed through with tenacity, successfully making PBPAC a hub of neighborhood-based talent and positive energy. In her words, "The Center is a resource for families, a place where the performing arts become a part of the solution to community despair." PBPAC coined the term "arts for social change" to encapsulate our mission: to use the performing arts as a social action strategy that cultivates talent and revitalizes community. So far, this philosophy has been overwhelmingly successful. Members of the Point Breeze Dance Company, the Center's professional-caliber, award-winning youth dance ensemble, have become ambassadors for "arts for social change" and role models for other youth in the Point Breeze community.

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