

# Dance Opportunities at Emory

## Culture and community

**The Emory Dance Program** interfaces with the Atlanta community by providing free programming including the Women's History Month Performance Series, the Friends of Dance Lecture Series, Dance for Reel, and the Atlanta Contact Improvisation group.

**Dance at Emory** is prolific, reflecting the cultural diversity of this campus. Students perform, create, collaborate, play, and practice together to express, through the body, their culture and identity. Performing affects the cohesiveness of a group and it sparks individual and group creativity. There are more than fifteen student-led dance groups that are one of a kind. They perform hip-hop, breakdancing, Capoeira, Salsa, Tap, Bhangra, classical Indian, Bollywood, and Stepping. Many groups invent fusion dance styles. They compete, and perform on and off campus.

**ACES** (The Association of Caribbean Educators and Students) **Dance** is the only Emory organization that spreads awareness about Caribbean cultures and has its own dance subgroup. Contact: Tamara Mason [tamara.naomi.mason@emory.edu](mailto:tamara.naomi.mason@emory.edu) or Kireon Bunkley-Hill [kbunkle@emory.edu](mailto:kbunkle@emory.edu) or [emoryaces@gmail.com](mailto:emoryaces@gmail.com)

**Adrenaline** is a co-ed hip hop dance club formed for the purpose of expression and learning through various styles. Contact: Rosie Ditre [samantha.rose.ditre@emory.edu](mailto:samantha.rose.ditre@emory.edu)

**A.H.A.N.A. Dance (African, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, and all other artists collective)** features student choreography in a variety of styles. Choreographer and dancer auditions are held at the beginning of each semester, and performances are at the end of each semester in the Performing Arts Studio. Contact: Hannah Gold [hannah.beth.gold@emory.edu](mailto:hannah.beth.gold@emory.edu)

**Ballroom Dancing Club** is a club that hosts weekly ballroom lessons and monthly social dances. Contact: Jenny Zhang [shiqi.zhang@emory.edu](mailto:shiqi.zhang@emory.edu)

**BAM (Brotherhood of Afrocentric Men)** and **Ngambika** (meaning "carry the load") are both community service organizations who are known for their tremendous skill of stepping. BAM is all freshman males and Ngambika is all freshman women. Contact for BAM: River Bunkley [rbunkle@emory.edu](mailto:rbunkle@emory.edu) ; Contact for Ngambika: Melissa Alamo [melissa.camila.alamo@emory.edu](mailto:melissa.camila.alamo@emory.edu)

**Capoeira** is an Afro-Brazilian art form that incorporates elements of martial arts, dance, and music. Contact: Juba Ensign [juba.maculele@gmail.com](mailto:juba.maculele@gmail.com)

**Dalé** is a co-ed Latin dance team that incorporates dance styles of Latin America, such as, Bachata, Salsa, Reggaeton, and Meringue. Contact: Zoe Lampru [zlampru@emory.edu](mailto:zlampru@emory.edu)

**Dilkash** is a co-ed Bollywood fusion dance team. Contact: [emorydilkash@gmail.com](mailto:emorydilkash@gmail.com)

**E-Motion**, the official dance team of the Emory Eagles. Contact: Jaymie Rubin [jaymie.e.rubin@emory.edu](mailto:jaymie.e.rubin@emory.edu)

**Karma** dances a folkloric style from the Punjabi Diaspora called Bhangra. They are Emory's premiere co-ed bhangra team. Contact: [emorykarmabhangra@gmail.com](mailto:emorykarmabhangra@gmail.com) or Kavelle Gosine [kavelle.gosine@emory.edu](mailto:kavelle.gosine@emory.edu)

**Mulan Dance Troupe** is a co-ed dance troupe specializing in Chinese traditional and pop dances. It was originally founded in 2012. Contact: Yingzi Chen [yingzi.chen@emory.edu](mailto:yingzi.chen@emory.edu)

**Persuasion** is an all-female dance crew that incorporates various types of hip-hop styles. Originally founded in 2008 as a small Asian dance team, the team fuses urban and modern hip-hop dance styles. Contact: Jessica Bertram [jbertra@emory.edu](mailto:jbertra@emory.edu) or [persuasiondancecrew@gmail.com](mailto:persuasiondancecrew@gmail.com)

**SaRaas** is the first and only Garba/Raas dance team combining traditional Gujarati music, costumes, props, and dance moves with a modern touch. Contact: [emorysaraas1@gmail.com](mailto:emorysaraas1@gmail.com) or Shivani Seth [shivani.seth@emory.edu](mailto:shivani.seth@emory.edu)

**Salsa Club** is a salsa performance team that hosts classes and socials. Contact: Chaveli Concepcion [chaveli.de.la.caridad.concepcion@emory.edu](mailto:chaveli.de.la.caridad.concepcion@emory.edu) or Cesar Aguilar [cesar.kelvin.aguilar@emory.edu](mailto:cesar.kelvin.aguilar@emory.edu)

**Savera** is a classical fusion dance team combining the dance styles of Odissi, Kathak, Kuchipudi, and Bharatanatyam. Contact: Rhea Mody [rhea.mody@emory.edu](mailto:rhea.mody@emory.edu)

**Sitara** is an all-female South Asian dance team at Emory University founded in 2000. They combine Indian and Western forms, including Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Modern, Bhartha Natyam, Kathak, Bhangra, and Garba. Sitara holds auditions at the beginning of each academic year for new members.

**Skeleton Crew** is an innovative breakdancing club. Contact: Ryuta Oku [ryuta.oku@emory.edu](mailto:ryuta.oku@emory.edu)

**Swing Club** is Emory's only swing club founded in October 2005. Learn how to swing dance! No partner needed. Swing instructors provided. Contact: Jude Tharp [jude.p.tharp@emory.edu](mailto:jude.p.tharp@emory.edu) or Laura Briggs [laura.briggs@emory.edu](mailto:laura.briggs@emory.edu)

**Tap That** is Emory's only tap club founded three years ago. They reach out to those who have tapped for years and those who just want to learn for fun! Contact:

**TrickaNomeTry (TNT)** originated in the fall of 2009. TNT is an all male hip-hop dance crew led by Julio Medina. The group's explosive style focuses on choreography, visuals, and tricks (stunts). Members of the group teach open classes every Saturday @ 5:30pm in WPEC, aerobics room. New members are recruited every year. <http://www.youtube.com/trickanometryTV> Contact: Kevin Lu [kevin.tran.lu@emory.edu](mailto:kevin.tran.lu@emory.edu)

**Vibes** is an Afro-Caribbean dance team. Contact: Jasmine Colvin [jasmine.monique.colvin@emory.edu](mailto:jasmine.monique.colvin@emory.edu)

**Zeebah** means "beautiful" in Farsi, which is the language of Iran. This all female dance group performs a wide range of dances from Iran and the surrounding areas. The group was founded in order to share the unique style, culture, and flair of traditional Persian dance. Contact: Jaclyn Tayabji [jtayabj@emory.edu](mailto:jtayabj@emory.edu)

**Zuri** is a dynamic African Dance Troupe. Contact: Elizabeth Balogun [Elizabeth.balogun@emory.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.balogun@emory.edu) or Nana Amoah [nana.amoah@emory.edu](mailto:nana.amoah@emory.edu)