

Dance-Themed Events and FREE Community Events at The Zeiterion: Ballet Hispánico, David Dorfman Dance and more!

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center moves into spring with a slate of five performances and free events that center around dance for enthusiasts and those curious about the art form.

The line-up kicks off with Dance Barre: Can Dancers Save the World? on March 27, which enhances the performance of the Latin-inspired Ballet Hispánico on April 12, and it culminates with a performance by the contemporary David Dorfman Dance on May 11. Tickets to both dance performances can be purchased by calling 508-994-2900, online at <https://zeiterion.org/>, or at the Zeiterion Box Office at 684 Purchase Street in New Bedford. Group sales of 10 tickets and more are available by calling 508-997-5664 x123. Reservations for the three free community events can be made online and by phone.

The five dance performances and events are:

Dance Barre: Can Dancers Save the World?

Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: Free

Cuban born Jose Mateo explores the ways dance artists are creating deliberate social change. While the arts have always had an impact on the way social order is perceived, many artists in today's highly-connected global culture openly declare their intended commitment to "save the world" through their work. Experiments seem to proliferate in dance circles because the medium is so well suited to community building. How much impact do these artists really have and is their work done at the expense of artistic excellence and innovation?

Ballet Hispánico

Friday, April 12, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$27 / \$35 / \$42 / \$47

For nearly 50 years Ballet Hispánico has brought communities together to celebrate and explore Latino cultures, and this spring the company graces The Z's stage for a guided journey through Latin American dance forms and music. This innovative, exciting performance spotlights choreographers and cultures from Spain, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Caribbean, and more. The nation's premiere Latino dance organization, led by Artistic Director and CEO Eduardo Vilario, features a rich, diverse repertory by the foremost choreographers and artists who reflect the ever-changing face of our nation.

Salsa & Latin Dance Night

Saturday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Free

The incredible Ballet Hispánico dancers will teach you some of their best moves! This community social dance offers free dance lessons to the sounds of live music by Grupo Sazón, as well as light appetizers for a fun, festive evening! All are welcome.

Dance Barre – Aroundtown: Glimpse Into Creation

Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.

Free

Join David Dorfman for an inside glimpse into the process he and his company of dancers and musicians used to create Aroundtown. You'll be drawn into this highly imaginative world where audience members, sitting together in a dark theater, seek a way in to tenderness and then out into the world again. You'll learn how Dorfman engages highly athletic dance with personal narrative and song to create a world where for one evening, we all belong. This event is part of the free Dance Barre series where dance fans, dancers, choreographers, and

those curious about the creative process are invited to gather on The Z Stage to explore the world of dance.

David Dorfman Dance: Aroundtown

Saturday, May 11, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$27 / \$35 / \$42 / \$47

Aroundtown is a kinetic poem that examines the varied, unique and sometimes divided notions of love – its meaning, purpose, and platform. With original music, text, and visuals, the work explores commitment, community, and intimacy in times of violence and strife. David Dorfman Dance's trademark empathy, sly humor, and bombastic physicality are harnessed in this look at love as both sociopolitical and intimate weather systems in a delightfully moving performance.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at www.zeiterion.org, by calling 508-994-2900, or in person at the box office at 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, Mass. Zeiterion Box Office regular hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and two hours before each performance.