

DANJ Master Class Saturdays

November 11th & December 9th 2017



Manny Herrera grew up dancing in his parent's dance studio. He was selected to train at The School of American Ballet at the age of 15 and received the Rudolf Nureyev Foundation Scholarship. Manny just completed shooting an independent film "MA" and was seen on Bravo's "Odd Mom Out". His last appearance on stage was on PBS' "Sinatra The Voice of a Century" and in "Bull Durham The Musical" originating the role of Jose. His Broadway credits include "West Side Story", "Legally Blonde" originating the role of the Pool Boy, "Sweet Charity", "Wicked" where he originated the role of Chistery, and "The Music Man" playing Tommy Djilas. His Off-Broadway credits include, "Miss Abigail's Guide to

Dating Mating and Marriage" starring opposite Eve Plumb ("The Brady Bunch's" Jan Brady), and "The Seven" at New York Theater Workshop. His TV/Film credits include CBS' "Blue Bloods", "Late Night With Steven Colbert" "Winter's Tale", "Knucklehead", "Sex and The City 2", "Power", "Unforgettable", "Smash", and "Modern Love."



Akira Uchida was born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. He trained extensively in jazz, hip hop, contemporary, lyrical and ballet, and has numerous credits both commercially and theatrically as a dancer and choreographer. Mr. Uchida's film and television credits include Canada's Got Talent, Degraasi, The Next Star, The Strain, Over the Rainbow and Canada's Smartest Person. He can be seen dancing in the Much Music video for Sam Smith's hit track "Stay With Me", the Lifetime film "My Daughter Must Live", and other music videos for a-list artists such as Dragonette, Young Avz and Blake McGrath. Akira danced for the Canadian Opera Company's "Don Quichotte" at the Four Seasons Centre. He recently worked

with choreographer Stacey Tookey in a workshop for an upcoming musical called "Dancer." As a choreographer, his credits include music videos for artists including Lights, The Lovelocks and Tyler Shaw. In 2015, he was awarded the Audience Choice Award at the emerging choreographer's showcase "Fresh Blood," hosted by the Chimera Project. He is the choreographer for the upcoming indie film "Jazz Hands." Earlier this year, he was chosen to present work as a Capezio Ace Awards finalist. Akira was recently added to the permanent faculty of the JUMP Dance Convention.