

# D.R.E.A.M. RING DANCE COMPETITION

Friday, July 22, 2016



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Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival and the Berkshire Museum team-up to bring the D.R.E.A.M. RING (Dance Rules Everything Around Me) to Berkshire County Friday, July 22, 2016. Brooklyn-based Flex dance pioneer Reggie 'Regg Roc' Gray hosts a D.R.E.A.M. RING dance competition event that honors the culture of the street dance community, encouraging dancers to "battle" with an emphasis on creativity, innovation, and storytelling.

Do you love Flexn, Hip-Hop, Breakdance, and Street dance? Are you a dancer or enthusiastic audience member? There are many ways to participate in this special one day event – take a Flex dance master class, battle in the D.R.E.A.M. RING competition, or cheer on dancers from the audience.

D.R.E.A.M. RING is about being a part of a supportive community, offers the opportunity to share and learn from fellow dancers, and is open to all ages and experience levels. Come participate to find out more about the D.R.E.A.M. RING format, the distinctive battle styles (tag-team and two-man), share experiences, and learn about the world of the D.R.E.A.M. RING.

## WANT TO DANCE?

**D.R.E.A.M. XPERIENCE MASTER CLASS** with Reggie 'Regg Roc' Gray, Jason Cust, and Flex Artists

Open to dancers of all levels ages 8 and older; *participants younger than 18 require a parent signature on liability waiver.* Observers are welcome

Friday, July 22, 1-3pm, at the Berkshire Museum, *FREE*

To register for the Flexn Master Class contact Thasia Giles at 413.243.9919 x161 or [tgiles@jacobspillow.org](mailto:tgiles@jacobspillow.org)

## WANT TO COMPETE IN THE D.R.E.A.M. RING DANCE COMPETITION?

If you want to battle in the **D.R.E.A.M. RING Dance Competition** and take your skills to another level, see How To Apply and submit your application by **10pm Friday, July 15, 2016.**

All dance styles are accepted

Open to dancers ages 12 and older; *participants younger than 18 require a parent signature on liability waiver.*

Friday, July 22, 6:30-9:30pm, at the Berkshire Museum, *FREE*

## WANT TO BE IN THE AUDIENCE?

**D.R.E.A.M. TALKS**, an interactive conversation led by Reggie 'Regg Roc' Gray, Jason Cust, and Abena Floyd

6-6:30pm

**D.R.E.A.M. RING Dance Competition** with Reggie 'Regg Roc' Gray, Jason Cust, Flex Artists and local Dance Artists

6:30-9:30pm

This is an ALL STYLES competition and will feature dancers from a variety of different street dance styles.

Friday, July 22, 6:00-9:30pm, Berkshire Museum, *FREE* and open to the public

To reserve your place, contact the Berkshire Museum at 413.443.7171 x360

## WHAT IS FLEXN?

Characterized by pausing, snapping, gliding, bone breaking, hat tricks, animation, and contortion, Flexn is a form of street dance that has evolved from the Jamaican bruk-up found in dance halls and reggae clubs in Brooklyn.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR THE D.R.E.A.M. RING DANCE COMPETITION

- Open to dancers ages 12 and older
- All street dance styles are accepted
- [Download and complete the Application Form.](#)
- Create a video of your dancing (maximum 3 minutes).
- If you are applying as a "two-man" or group, make sure you are all in the video. Those who submit a solo performance will be considered for tag-team. See descriptions below.
- Upload video to YouTube or Vimeo.
- Email the Application Form, video URL link, and password to [dreamringxperience@gmail.com](mailto:dreamringxperience@gmail.com)
- In the email, include your name, partner's name (two-man), contact information (email and phone), style of dance, social media links, and if you are signing up for tag-team or two-man performance.
- Deadline for all applications is 10pm Friday, June 3, 2016.
- **Questions?** Contact Thasia Giles at Jacob's Pillow at [tgiles@jacobspillow.org](mailto:tgiles@jacobspillow.org) or 413.243.9919 x161

**TAG-TEAM performances** consist of groups of quartets whose goal is to choreograph duets, within the group, that highlight each other's styles and narratives individually and collectively.

- Example of Tag-team Performance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmzMo8gTsl8>

**TWO-MAN performances** are duets that showcase artists with the same or complementary styles with the goal to choreograph a body of work that exemplifies those styles through a singular narrative.

- Example Two-Man Performance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imlHg6or2jc>

- Those chosen to participate in the D.R.E.A.M. RING Dance Competition will create at least three 1 minute performances either for two-man or tag-team performances.
- 10 Participants will be selected and contacted no later than Friday, June 24, 2016.
- Selected dancers **must be available** to participate in D.R.E.A.M. RING events Friday, July 22, 3:30-9:30pm at the Berkshire Museum (complete schedule issued upon selection)