

**DANCE NOW! MIAMI**

# 25 Years



**ARTISTIC DIRECTORS  
HANNAH BAUMGARTEN  
& DIEGO SALTERINI**

IN RESIDENCE AT THE  
LITTLE HAITI CULTURAL COMPLEX,  
MIAMI BEACH BANDSHELL AND  
SANCTUARY OF THE ARTS



**INSPIRING, EDUCATING AND ENTERTAINING  
THROUGH THE ART FORM OF DANCE.**



## DANCE NOW! MIAMI MISSION

Dance NOW! Miami's mission is to be a leading company of excellence, to create, promote and produce contemporary dance of the highest caliber, and through performance, arts education, community leadership and innovative programming, nurture new talents, foster artistic collaborations and make the art of dance accessible to diverse audiences locally, nationally and internationally.

Dance NOW!'s educational mission is to provide multi-faceted training and pathways to higher education, professional opportunities and inclusion for Miami's economically, culturally, socially and geographically diverse population.





Established in 2000 by founders and Artistic Directors Hannah Baumgarten and Diego Salterini, Dance NOW! Miami represents a dynamic fusion of collaboration and entrepreneurial spirit. Hailing from different continents, the pair united in Miami to forge an organization that now stands at the forefront of the South Florida dance community.

In 2022, Dance NOW! Miami was recognized as “Best Dance Company” by the *Miami New Times*. The company is in residence at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex, Sanctuary of the Arts and Miami Beach Bandshell, and hosts a diverse array of major projects each year. These include proscenium performances at South Florida’s premiere theaters, featuring original works from Baumgarten and Salterini, created both independently and in collaboration, as well as the Masterpiece in Motion series, which pays homage to the rich history of dance through the reconstruction of iconic works from the 20th and 21st centuries.

Additionally, Dance NOW! Miami offers unique and immersive experiences through its Ekphrasis Project, utilizing unconventional venues such as museums, galleries, and architectural landmarks to create unique performances tailor-made to the hosting venues. Its collaborations extend to over 260 artists and organizations, including prestigious names like New York’s Limón Dance Company and Mexico City Ballet, Dança em Diálogos from Lisbon, Portugal as well as Opus Ballet from Florence, Italy.

The company continues to lead and innovate within the South Florida dance community, with notable initiatives such as the Daniel Lewis Dance Sampler, which showcases established Florida-based companies, and New Voices, which provides a platform for emerging contemporary choreographers from around the Nation. Over the years, Dance NOW! Miami has been presented in sixteen states and on three continents, captivating audiences in countries like Brazil, Italy, and Portugal.

Dance NOW! Miami remains deeply committed to education and has positively impacted the lives of over 60,000 children in South Florida through its various programs, including in-school residencies, the World Dance Summer Intensive, the Dance NOW! Youth Ensemble, and community performances at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex.

The Dance NOW! Educational programs are guided by Artistic Directors Salterini and Baumgarten. With over 60 combined years of teaching experience, the two have international reputations as educators across three continents. Both directors

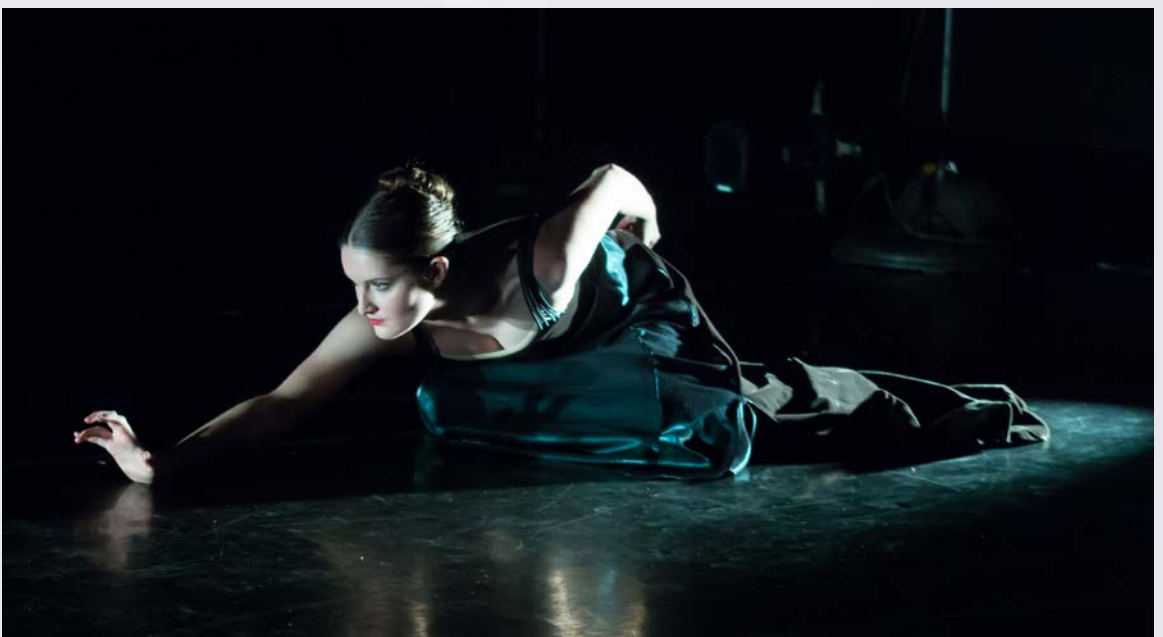
## DANCE NOW! MIAMI HISTORY

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continue to teach at public and private institutions around the world and have worked with organizations including the Interlochen Arts Academy and Camp, the Joffrey Ballet School of New York, Florida International University, Mostra Dança, Sao Paulo, the Cincinnati Conservatory, Mercyhurst University, New World School of the Arts and the National High School Dance Festival and others; Baumgarten is a K-12 State Certified teacher and Salterini sits on the Board of the Florida Dance Education Organization.

In 2019, Dance NOW!'s apprenticeship program transformed into the Dance NOW! Youth Ensemble in collaboration with Miami Arts Charter School. This program provides mentoring, performance and scholarship opportunities for highly talented youth; past members have continued their dance education at prestigious institutions such as the AILEY/Fordham program, New World School of the Arts, Juilliard, SUNY Purchase and the Boston Conservatory and are now working professionally with organizations such as Nai Ni Chen, Jennifer Muller/the Works, Dallas Black Dance Theater, Ballet Hispanico 2, Buglisi Dance, Holland America and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines; some have even returned to Miami dance with the company and others are directors, teachers and choreographers in their own right.

During the COVID-19 crisis, DNM led the dance community with the release of the *Covid(eos)*, a series of dance video shorts, relevant to the moment and providing new content for its audiences while continuing its artistic mission, and the company continues to create dance films alongside its in-person dance events.





## DANCE NOW! MIAMI PRESS

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"I kept thinking these dancers are athletes with form; ultimate form featuring bodies that are trained to perfection. Dance NOW! produces beautiful dance."

"This company is one to watch."

— **Marj O'Neill-Butler, MiamiArtizine.com**

"This company is not only elegant and fierce, but is dedicated to its community. Over the course of ten years, the company has informed our beaches, landmarks, institutions, and public spaces and made themselves an artistic treasure in our community and a jewel in our own back yard. "

— **Miguel Estefan, Miami Art Guide**

"[The dancers] seem to bend their supple limbs and bodies into breathtaking angles to connivery heartbreaking emotions. You lose yourself in the music, movement and moment."

— **Michele-Jessica Fievre, Rebelle Magazine**

"Dance NOW! arrives! ...they have earned the exclamation point at the end of 'Now'...they're now in the forefront of forging Miami's distinctive vision for the future of experimental dance..."

"It's the degree of theatricality and of emotional interplay with the audience ...that sets Dance NOW! dancers apart from most of our other local dance troupes".

— **Tony Guzman, Miami Sun Post**

"...there was the vital sense of a private world revealed by individual movement in which meaning emerged naturally from the dancing.... a straight up, energetic and sexy jazz dancing... the dancers, and Salterini, did very well..a sexy urban jazz work... always energetic and earnest... a forthright, unexpected sensuality."

— **Jordan Levin, Miami Herald**

"Visual Impact!"

"...homegrown doesn't have to mean humdrum.... the troupe's avoidance of the commonplace could secure its artistic niche."

— **Guillermo Perez, Sun Sentinel**



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**2024 - 2025 SEASON**



## **FALL FOR DANCE NOW!**

**Sunday, November 10, 2024 | 7:00 pm** (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

**Miami Beach Bandshell**

7275 Collins Ave., Miami Beach

Tickets \$10-25

Dance NOW! kicks off its 25th Anniversary season with an evening of dance under the autumn skies featuring a sneak preview of the season to come with excerpts from DNM's saucy remix of the Nutcracker "Clara" and other works fresh off the company's tour to North Florida. The performance will also include a presentation from the Dance NOW! Youth Ensemble in partnership with Miami Arts Charter School.



## THIRD THURSDAYS / LATE NIGHTS LIVE

featuring Dance NOW! Miami

Thursday, December 19, 2024

6:30 pm & 8:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

**Bass Museum of Art**

2100 Collins Ave. Miami Beach

Dance Now! Miami's *Ekphrasis Project* reemerges at The Bass to create a dialogue between characters and personalities featured in the *Performance Perspectives* exhibition. Underpinned exhibition themes such as "Performance of Self," act as the catalyst for this introspective contemporary dance conversation.

The City of Miami Beach presents a night of free, unique and unforgettable experiences throughout the City every third Thursday of the month, December through May, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Contact venues for program details and performance times.

Info at: [mbartsandculture.org/culture-crawl](http://mbartsandculture.org/culture-crawl)



## **DANCE NOW! PRESENTS "CLARA"**

**Saturday, December 21, 2024 | 8:00 pm**

**Sanctuary of the Arts**

410 Andalusia Ave., Coral Gables

Tickets \$15-25

Spice up your holiday season with Dance NOW!'s saucy adult contemporary dance interpretation of the Nutcracker, "Clara." This contemporary dance charts the journey of a young woman, questioning, discovering, exploring and experiencing the exotic, the unknown and the forbidden, in search of love, identity and self determination. Once she lets her hair down, she goes after Dross and the result is self-actualization for both of them. This one-act suite has a reimagined soundtrack of the Tchaikovsky classic created by composer and ongoing collaborator Davidson Jaconello out of Poland, with costumes from the Morales sisters and a unique and nimble set which transforms the world Clara experiences, conceived and designed by Bruce F. Brown.



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## DANCE & ROMANCE

Dance NOW! featured as part of **Miami Beach Culture Crawl**

**February 20, 2025 | 7:30 pm**

**Normandy Fountain**

7802 Rue Vendome, Miami Beach

Honoring Valentine's Day week, Dance NOW! returns to North Beach presenting works of love, friendship, passion and romance.

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## **PROGRAM II FEATURING “BLUE PENCIL”**

**Friday, February 28, 2025 | 8:00 pm**

**Miami Theater Center**

9806 NE 2nd Ave, Miami Shores

Tickets \$20-\$40

DNM presents the world premiere of “Blue Pencil.” Co-Artistic Directors Diego Salterini and Hannah Baumgarten join forces with Portuguese-based Dance em Diálogos Artistic Directors Fernando Duarte and Solange Melo to present this politically charged ballet based on the Blue Pencil Censorship in Portugal, implemented by the Salazar government during the Estado Novo regime from 1933 to 1974; this censorship act that dominated all branches of Portuguese culture: nothing escaped the “blue pencil” of silence.

Baumgarten and Salterini will approach the subject matter as a cautionary tale about government-driven censorship in the United States and specifically in the state of Florida, made even more poignant after the radical cuts to the arts this year. The original choreographic work will transform the stories of this time into dance, highlighting the power of the arts to resist cultural repression.

DNM will perform their part of the ballet in March and will travel to Portugal to perform the complete work with sections by both companies later in the season. As part of the ongoing 25th anniversary celebration, the evening of dance will also include audience favorites “Court Dance”, Baumgarten’s Machiavellian political tribal dance, and Salterini’s “Drawing Circles”, a tribute to MIMO architecture.



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## **DANCE NOW! @ SANCTUARY OF THE ARTS**

**Saturday, April 12, 2025 | 7:30 pm**

**Sanctuary of the Arts**

410 Andalusia Ave. Coral Gables

Tickets \$15-25

Dance NOW! celebrates the 3rd Anniversary of the Sanctuary with a sneak preview of Diego Salterini's "Terra Mia" and hits from the company's 25 years of dance.

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## **EASTER IN THE GARDEN WITH THE SOUTH BEACH CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**

**Sunday, April 20, 2025 | 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm**

**Miami Beach Botanical Garden**

2000 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach

Dance NOW!'s annual collaboration with the South Beach Chamber Ensemble returns for this site-specific multi-media arts experience. Spend Easter Sunday strolling through the garden with Dance NOW! for an unforgettable journey of dance and music!



## **AFTERNOON APERITIVO AT THE MIAMI BEACH WOMAN'S CLUB**

**Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 4:00 pm**

**Miami Beach Woman's Club**

2401 Pine Tree Drive, Miami Beach

Tickets \$15-50 (*Available February 28, 2025*)

Join Dance NOW! at the intimate setting of the historic Miami Beach Woman's Club for an afternoon Aperitivo and a sneak preview of Diego Salterini's "Terra Mia", honoring his homeland, Italy. The afternoon of dance will include talk back with the choreographer and other works from the company's 25th Anniversary Season.



## **PROGRAM III FEATURING “TERRA MIA/MY LAND”**

**Friday, May 9, 2025 | 8:00 pm**

**Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Amaturo Theater**

201 SW St. Fort Lauderdale

**Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 8:00 pm**

**Aventura Arts & Cultural Center**

3385 NE 188th St. Aventura

Tickets for both locations \$20-\$40

Dance NOW! culminates its 25th Anniversary Season with Program III featuring the world premiere of “Terra Mia - My Land.” This exploration of DNM Director Diego Salterini’s roots is an invitation for audiences to immerse themselves in the beauty, passion, and resilience of Italian culture. Audiences will be entranced by the sights and sounds of Italy as we travel through Salterini’s nostalgic memories of his life and his family’s history. Audiences will witness the intersection of different cultures and identities, and the message of acceptance. The evening will also include a celebration of Dance NOW!’s quarter century of creating and presenting contemporary dance with audience favorites from the company’s history.





## **DNM 2024 - 25 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

- Ongoing open Classes at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex  
[dancenowmiami.org/classes](https://dancenowmiami.org/classes)
- DNM Long-Term Residency at Miami Arts Charter Middle and High School
- World Dance Summer Intensive  
[dancenowmiami.org/wdsi](https://dancenowmiami.org/wdsi)



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Dance NOW! shares the stage with the South Florida Dance Community in these showcase performances:

**FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025 | 8:00 pm**

**Miami Dance Hub Presents Miami Dances  
Sandrell Rivers Theater**

6103 NW 7th Ave, Miami

Tickets available at [miamidancehub.com/events](https://miamidancehub.com/events)

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## **DANCE NOW! ON TOUR**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024**

**1:00 pm & 6:00 pm**

**Dr. Phillips High School**

6500 Turkey Lake Rd, Orlando

Tickets \$10 - \$20

Tickets and information at <https://teachtix.com/dphs/dance-now-miami>

Dance NOW! presents a powerful and poetic evening of dance sharing the stage with students from Dr. Phillips High School following the company's residency.

## **MARCH, 2025**

**Dance NOW! travels to Portugal Tour  
presenting "Blue Pencil"**

Dance NOW! performs at the annual RHI festival, with Dança em Diálogos of Lisbon as part of Miami Dade County's International Cultural Partnership program and the City of Miami Beach/Cascais Sister Cities Program.

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Founding Artistic Directors | **Hannah Baumgarten & Diego Salterini**

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