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VICTORIA GRAZIANO

Victoria Graziano is a freshman at CCNY majoring in Architecture. Even though most of her time is devoted to her studies in class a few hours a week to enjoy her favorite hobby dance. She started dancing at the age of five and since then has fallen in love with this art form. Third grade until 10th grade she attended Brighton Ballet Theatre, where she performed in the Nutcracker, Duetting and other classical productions. At her school became her second home where she met some of her best friends and mentors. For Victoria dance is more than just a physical exercise, but a form of expression. Victoria is extremely excited to perform for her fellow CCNY students and thankful to the CCNY Talent Show crew for giving her this opportunity.



ATTA BOATENG JR.

Hello, My name is Atta Boateng Jr and I have been drumming for 17 years now. I am currently the President of Music Glee Club Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity. I am also a born native of Ghana and I am just truly blessed by God. My goal as a musician is to simply entertain to put a smile on the audience faces and to make sure that everybody is having great time. One of the best ways to express yourself is through music so my music is a reflection of my creativity and beauty of life itself. Come support the CCNY Talent show and I promise it will one of the best shows you will ever experience.



JOSETTA

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Josetta is a biology major at CCNY and aspires to be a Wildlife Veterinarian. In her free time she loves to sing, write, dance, play guitar and enjoy outdoor activities such as biking, running and camping. She considers herself to be a jack of all trades and master of none though one day she hopes she can be a professional martial artist, scuba diver and veterinary pathologist.



ISABEL SALANE

Isabel Salane has loved performing since she was eight years old. Growing up she then took an interest in acting and later on she taught herself piano. She participated in high school shows such as Grease, Cabaret and Almost Mainline. Her first year of college at Queensborough Community College she was in A Midsummer's Night Dream. She is currently a transfer sophomore going into her Junior year majoring in the BA, classical voice program at City College and is planning to minor in education. Isabel is a good time and lives to make others happy. Lived stress and until later in life. She hopes to become a music teacher and also a professional musician.



GENEUS

Genus is an independent rap/hip-hop music artist who resides in the Bronx. He has been featured on 93.7 WBLK radio station for a song he was involved in called "One Night Only" with fellow artist Dweez. He has also been featured on Beethovenbeats.com a blog which provided a song he was involved in called "Break it Down" with fellow artist Brock Hester. Break it Down can also be found on youtube.com. Genus has performed in several venues: i.e. Syracuse University such as "Funk N' Witches" or at his performance at the United Palace in Washington Heights. N.Witches is a new school approach blending the current styles of hip hop with conscious concepts about daily life which many audiences can relate to. He is able to create a variety of hip-hop music, such as, but not limited to, conscious rap, club music, hip-hop music, etc.



TROY WEEKES

Troy Weekes, hailing from Harlem, New York is a R&B Soul Singer-Songwriter. He has been singing since the age of 3 and performing since the age of 14. Not only does he sing but he acts and dances as well. He got his first TV debut on Showtime at the Apollo in 2005, being runner up on his show A few years down the line, he made it to the top three of the NY American Idol style show Empire City's Lucky Break 2. When not working on his own project, he can be seen singing background or vocal arranging for numerous artists. He has sung background behind the likes of Mariah Carey, Karen Clark-Sheard, just to name a few. He is currently working on his "1st Project", not yet titled. Be on the lookout for this talented soulful brother on the rise. He is out and about performing all over the city, letting his voice be heard and making a mark for himself.



INITIAL FOUR

We are a group of 4 versatile dancers. Met each other on campus and quickly found a common passion we all share and that is dance. We are passionate about different genres and styles of dance but yet when we come together and we dance in unison. We wish to portray that we may be different and unique but we can still co-exist and bring unity through dance.



NAZDAQ

I go by "Nazdaq" and I'm on up and coming rapper from the Bronx. I fell in love with hip hop from a young age and I've been writing poetry since I was 12. I found it to be an effective and fun way to communicate my feelings and tell stories of my experiences. I started taking the whole music thing serious about two years ago and I released my "1st Project" "12/32" last November.



RACHEL ENRIQUEZ

Rachel Enriquez born and raised in Los Angeles has been living in New York to pursue her dream as a musician while earning her BA in English at CCNY. She started her singing career in the musical theater world as a child, but her heart is set on singing pop/blues/jazz. Rachel is 23-years-old.



CCNY SALSA TEAM

The CCNY salsa team is made up of members of many cultures, ages, and majors. Although each of us began with zero skills in salsa dancing by devoting our sacrificed time, our hard work has led us to display our blossoming skills by participating in salsa congresses and competitions across the United States in a matter of just five months. It is also exciting to see the social dance party's that we host each month increasing in popularity. Along with our different cultures some of us brought their own styles of dance to the team such as jazz, bachata, and hip-hop. As we strive to become more accomplished in the salsa world we have decided a supportive community, pushing one another not only to become better dancers, but also to become better people.



HILARY & JOHN

Having met a year ago through a dance team in CCNY we have been dancing bachata whenever the time permits. I learned from my family which is a free style based form of bachata. Hilary learned bachata from a dance team that she was in. She learned the proper technical movement and taught me some specific steps. Both having the same passion for dancing bachata and using what we learned from our experiences we plan to continue to keep dancing outside of school.



HOST: CALISE HAWKINS

Calise has appeared on Late Night With Jimmy Fallon's Guides Stand Up in Sillytoes, Russel Simmons Stand Up at the El Rey and NBC's Last Comic Standing. She is a writer for MTV's 100% Girlie, MTV's Gif Code and MTV Guy Code's new show Charlemagne and Friends.