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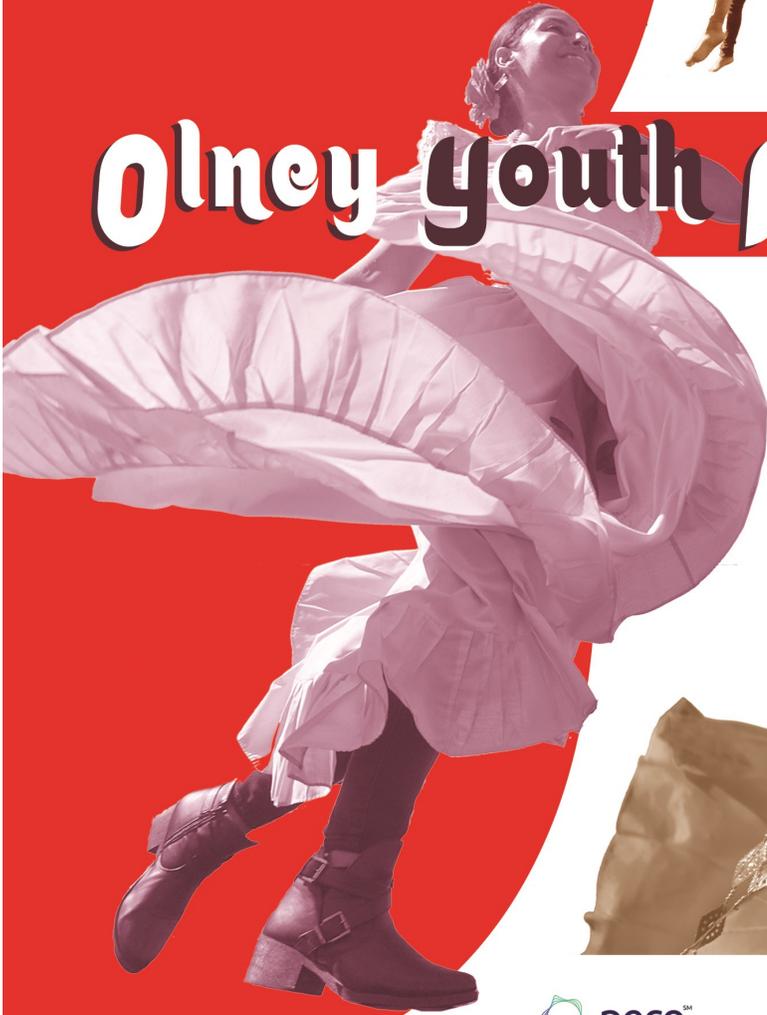
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Audio Olney is a podcast series dedicated to sharing the stories and voices of the diverse ethnic and socio-economic neighborhood of Olney in Philadelphia. Hosted by Amber Art & Design’s Linda Fernandez and Keir Johnston, Audio Olney aims to bring community voices to the table, highlight cultural expressions and relevant issues and examine what makes the neighborhood unique in its history and current beauty and complexity.

Season One was launched in 2021 by Olney Culture Lab, in partnership with Amber Art & Design, June Lopez (sound designer) and Malcolm Burnley (journalist/writer). Upon Burnley’s departure after Season One, the Olney Culture Lab / Audio Olney team picked up the baton and continued to explore narratives that reflect the dynamism of the neighborhood. Season Two debuted in 2023 with plans for additional seasons in 2024 and 2025!

Tune to the first two seasons of Audio Olney on YouTube, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, RocketCasts, Radio Public, Amazon Prime and more.

Episodes can also be found at olneyculturelab.org.

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A Message from the Editor

Yes, it has been four years since last Olney Youth Arts Festival in 2019 and what a strange trip it has been! If there is anything that the “missing” years have taught us is that engagement with our fellow humans is critical to our survival and well-being. We have missed bringing together Philly’s diverse youth movement culture and are thrilled to assemble them once again. We are equally excited to launch Olney Culture Lab’s 10th anniversary year with the return of our signature event. We are blessed to say that our work has continued to grow and be a vessel for accentuating the positive in the neighborhood and sharing meaningful stories and voices. We are grateful to all the residents, partner organizations, funders, artists and cultural movers and shakers in Olney and beyond for sharing the belief that culture can be a catalyst for meaningful change and community development that is by and for the community.

Ambrose Liu, Project Director

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Name: The X-perience Dance Company
Address: 4723 Loring St.
Philadelphia, PA 19136
Director: Fayette Coppock-Brown
Website: theexperiencedc.com
Phone: (267) 847-3648
E-mail: fcoppock@theexperiencedc.com

The X-Perience Dance Company is a pre-professional Modern/Jazz-based dance company with roots also in Ballet and African. Our purpose is to evoke, encourage and inspire all those whom we encounter. We believe the art of dance shouldn't just be witnessed. It should be felt. It should be shared. It should be X-perienced.

Lessons offered?	Yes	Type of instruction offered:	
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Name: Centro Nueva Creación/Philareyto II*
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Philadelphia, PA 19140
Director: Maribel Lozada-Arzuaga
Website: goodlands.org
Phone: (215) 426-8762
E-mail: goodlands.director@gmail.com

Centro Nueva Creación is a non-profit organization established in 1995 with a mission to promote resiliency in young people through educational enrichment and engagement with the arts and Latino cultures. Affectionately known as "Home of the Goodlands," Centro is led by Maribel Lozada-Arzuaga whose love of Puerto Rican cultural dance is passed on through her students.

Lessons offered?	Yes	Type of instruction offered:
Fee?	Yes, call for information	Puerto Rican Folk Dance
		Age Group: 5 years old and up

Featured Performer



Name: Three Aksha Dance Company*
Address: 738 Greymont St.
Philadelphia, PA 19116
Director: Viji Rao
Website: threepaksha.com
Phone: (215) 969-8603
E-mail: threepaksha@gmail.com

Three Aksha was founded in Philadelphia in 2003 by Artistic Director Viji Rao, and is based at Girard College, where she has been an artist in residence since 2008. Three Aksha seeks to preserve and promote Indian culture and heritage through classical Indian Bharatanatyam dance choreography in Philadelphia and beyond.

Lessons offered?	Yes	Type of instruction offered:
Fee?	Call for information	Classical Indian Bharatanatyam Dance
		Age Group: Various

Featured Performer



Name: Philadanco! D/3 Youth Ensemble
Address: 9 North Preston St.
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Director: Kaylah Arielle & Kim Gadlin
Website: philadanco.org
Phone: (410) 725-6569 or (909) 732-8901
E-mail: kgadlin@philadanco.org

Danco 3 (D/3) became part of the PHILADANCO! Legacy in 2006. D/3 was created to give young dancers who are really serious about dance access to performance opportunities and a chance to nurture their technique and performance skills. D/3 dancers range from the ages of 13 to 16 and have the option of moving on to D/2, PHILADANCO's apprentice company.

Lessons offered?	Yes	Type of instruction offered:
Fee?	Yes, call for information	Modern, Ballet, other
		Age Group: 13—16 years old

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Name: Xtreme Kre8tionz Drumline*
Address: 5828 Florence Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19143
Director(s): Demetrius “Meech” and Nylo Oliver
Phone: (267) 997-5004
Website: Facebook—Xtreme Kre8tionz
E-mail: xkdrillteam@yahoo.com

Founded in 2010, Xtreme Kre8tionz provides all members with quality music and dance instruction. XK aims to mold members to understand and fully realize their own potential for excellence through the camaraderie of the drumline family.

Lessons offered?	Yes	Type of instruction offered:	Stepping & Drumming
Fee?	Call for information	Age Group:	4 year old—adult

Featured Performer



Name: I Am Phresh Dance Academy
Address: 12301 McNulty Rd.
Philadelphia, PA 19154
Director: Mark Boston aka “Smart Mark”
Website: iamphresh.com
Phone: (215) 758-3461
E-mail: phreshstudio@gmail.com

I Am Phresh Dance Academy is an award-winning hip-hop based dance studio in the tri-state area. They are dedicated to the love and life of dance. Their mission is to train and create dancers of the future. They offer training in hop-hop, breakin’, funk styles, krumpin’, house, jazz, ballet and more.

Lessons offered?	Yes	Type of instruction offered:	
Fee?	Yes, call for information		Dance in many contemporary styles
		Age Group:	Children to adult

Featured Performer



Name: Conservatory for Arts & Music
of Philadelphia

Address: 1508 Wadsworth Ave., Rear
Philadelphia, PA 19150

Director: Bonnie Bing

Phone: (215) 319-4100

E-mail: conservatoryforarts@gmail.com

The Conservatory for Arts & Music of Philadelphia (CAMP) is a pre-professional training program that offers the groundwork for aspiring students to enter into professional training programs throughout the country and pursue careers in dance. CAMP provides their students access to classes that not only focus on the technical com-

Lessons offered? Yes

Type of instruction offered:

Fee? Call for information

Ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop & praise

Age Group: 6—18 year old

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Name: Modero Dance
Address: Headlong Studio
1170 South Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19146
Director: Sinta Storms
Website: modero.co
E-mail: sinta@modero.co

Modero & Company is a traditional Indonesian dance group who utilize fashion, cuisine and other aspects of Indonesian cultural traditions to support dialogue and education about critical issues impacting the Indonesian diaspora in Philadelphia.

Lessons offered? Yes

Fee? Yes, call (267) 225-1076
for more information.

Type of instruction offered:

Folk & Traditional Dance

Age Group: 8 and Up

Featured Performer



Name: FICA Philadelphia*
Address: Dr. MLK, Jr. Recreation Center
2201 Cecil B. Moore Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19121
Director: Kamau Blakney
Website: ficaphiladelphia.org

FICA Philadelphia is the local chapter of the International Capoeira Angola Foundation. As Capoeira Angola synthesizes movement, rhythm, and African-Brazilian history into an artistic form of self-expression, it serves as a unique tool that promotes harmony with others and allows for individual growth.

Lessons offered? Yes

Fee? Yes, call for information

Scholarship? Yes

Type of instruction offered: Capoeira Angola

Age Group: 3 year old—adult

Featured Performer



Name: Esperanza Academy Charter School*
Address: 300 West Hunting Park Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19140
Director: Ashley Rivera
Website: neacademy.net
Phone: (267) 530-5060
Email: Ashley.rivera@neacademy.net

The Esperanza Academy Dance Ensemble is the school's main dance performance group. Instructor Ashley Rivera, who is an alum of the program, provides high-quality dance training in technique and performance to her students in addition to their dance major course work. Their audition-only group prepares talented students ages 15-18 for careers in dance, whether it be on the concert stage, in commercial work, or as entry to a college dance program.

Lessons offered? Yes for students

Fee? No

Type of instruction offered: Modern, Ballet, Jazz,
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Age Group: High School students

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Name: Philly Movements Dance Company*

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Philadelphia, PA 19144

Director: Danielle Hayes

Website: phillymovementsdance.com

Phone: (267) 368-5501

E-mail: pmdc2004@gmail.com

Philly Movements Dance Company is committed to enhancing the quality of life of students by using education to foster excellence in all forms of dance.

Type of instruction offered: Hip Hop, jazz, ballet, modern, tiny tots

Age Group: 9—19 year old

Featured Performer



Name: Palante Dance Company*

Address: 4831 Rising Sun Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19120

Director: Anthony Reyes

Phone: (445) 214-5857

E-mail: anthonyreyesd@yahoo.com

Palante Dance Company led by Anthony Reyes specialize in bringing Latin dance and hip hop dance instruction to Philadelphia youth and adults. They also combine fitness in their regimen to strengthen their students. Palante regularly performs in the tri-state area and appears at the annual Philly Puerto Rican Day Parade.

Lessons offered? Yes

Fee? Call for information

Type of instruction offered: Latin Dance (Salsa & Bachata), Hip Hop Dance, Fitness

Age Group: Various ages

Featured Performer



Name: Kyeis Henry
Address: Philadelphia, PA, 19120
Phone: (347) 432-1403

Kyeis is available for performances and events.

Kyeis performed at a previous Olney Youth Arts Festival in 2017. He trained with FUSO, a community-based organization that encourages children and youth within the Trinidadian community to learn and participate in their islands' cultural traditions such as soca, calypso, steel pan etc.

Kyeis Henry is now a young man who has excelled in his chosen instrument of steel pan. He routinely performs at various festivals and Caribbean heritage celebrations up and down the East Coast. He is also training to be a recording engineer and producer.

Featured Performer



Name: Cambodian American Girls Empowering
Address: 1315 Walnut St., Suite 320
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Director: Lanica Angpak
Website: cagempowering.org
E-mail: cage@cagempowering.com

CAGE was founded in 2015 by a group of trained Classical Cambodian Dancers from Philadelphia. They seek to build more sustainable and accessible pathways to the arts and activism. CAGE's mission is to create a safe and courageous space where Cambodian Americans feel free to learn more about their shared heritage.

Lessons offered? Yes

Fee? Call for information

Type of instruction offered:

Cambodian Folk Dance

Age Group: Various Ages

Featured Performer



Oyewumi Oyeniya is Philadelphia's current Youth Poet Laureate. She is a senior at Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School. In addition, Oyeniya was a winner of the 2023 Widener University High School Leaders Award which recognizes students in the region who have demonstrated leadership for making a difference in their schools or communities.

For booking, contact poetlaureate@freelibrary.org.

Featured Performer



NuERA Collective, led by Drummer and Producer **Malik Henry***, stands for Entertainment of the Revolutionary Artists. This Olney-based group seeks to bring about positive transformation through music, performance and education, while lifting up the community through its social activism and engagement.

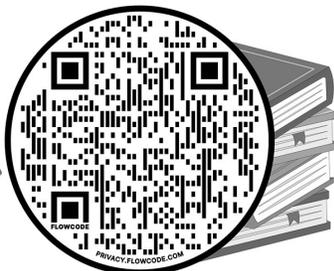
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Stephanie Brown,
Author

Featured Performer



Name: Royalty Supreme All Stars
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Philadelphia, PA 19126
Director: Monique Moore
Website: royaltysa.info
Phone: (267) 586-9707
E-mail: royaltysupremeallstars@gmail.com

Royalty Supreme All Stars is a non-profit cheerleading and dance organization located in Philadelphia. Their mission is to promote self-esteem and build character through their activities. The teams practice 2 –3 times a week and travel to compete once a month.

Lessons offered? Yes

Type of instruction offered:

Fee? Yes, call for information.

Cheerleading & Modern Dance

Age Group: 4—18 years old



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Contact: Tammalin Mak
Website: phillysuns.org
Phone: (215) 627-2360 ext. 13
E-mail: info@phillysuns.org

The Philadelphia Suns, Inc. provides a broad spectrum of educational, cultural, and athletic programs for Asian teens and youth in the Philadelphia area. The Philadelphia Suns' Chinese Lion Dance program helps to fund the youth traveling sports teams and serves to preserve the cultural tradition of the lion dance among the next gen-

Lessons offered? Yes

Type of instruction offered:

Fee? Call for information

Lion Dance, and all manner of athletics

Age Group: Various Ages



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Philadelphia, PA 19120
Director(s): Prof. Randy & Wilhemena Gibson
Website: gibsonmusicarts.com
Phone: (215) 924-7345
E-mail: gwilhemina@verizon.net

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Fee? Yes, call for information.
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Type of instruction offered: Instrumental & Vocal
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