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**Water for All:
Inspiring world dance event raises consciousness about water crisis
Global Water Dances June 15, 2019**

On June 15th, 2019, dancers at more than 120 sites around the world will perform to honor and protect water in a biennial event called Global Water Dances.

“This year’s Global Water Dances promises to be the biggest one since we began back in 2011,” said Vannia Ibarguen, Artistic Director of Global Water Dances. People are planning to perform at rivers, lakes, beaches, parks, pools and other places related to water.

The performances bring together the geography of a particular place, a call to environmental action, and the creative arts. “Local choreographers create site-specific dances,” said Marylee Hardenbergh, former Artistic Director of Global Water Dances. “All of these events are free of charge, and every performance ends with the opportunity for the audience to join in the dance. The performances are filmed locally, and made available online globally”. (For a short video on the 2017 event, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmzaAjcggc0>)

Providing reliable supplies of safe drinking water is one of the great global challenges of our times. “This year, Global Water Dances aligns with the [United Nations’ motto “Water for All”](#) and the Sustainable Development Goal 6, which aims to ensure availability and sustainable management of water for all by 2030”, says Ibarguen. “To leave no one behind, we must focus our efforts towards including people who have been marginalized or ignored.”

Choreographers can partner with environmental education organizations through panel discussions, scientific and environmentalist speeches, sharing petitions or taking actions like cleaning up a beach. There are many ecological agencies partnering with Global Water Dances, including, Parks and Recreations (New York, USA), Center for Global Environmental Education, Thirst, Surfrider Foundation, Water Aid, to name a few.

Global Water Dances is housed at the Laban/Bartenieff Institute of Movement Studies (LIMS) in New York City. LIMS’ international network of dancers and choreographers is aspiring to cultivate a new generation of socially aware artists, who use dance to actively care for our planet and people. Dance is a powerful channel that connects human beings and makes visible what is invisible. Participating in a Global Water Dances event near you contributes to building communities of movement enthusiasts and water advocates around the world.

To find the closest Global Water Dances location, make a donation, volunteer, or join our mailing list, visit www.globalwaterdances.org