



We are a troupe of individuals who, through the power of music and dance, cultivate self-worth, dignity, and respect for all people.

www.cultureshockla.com **Contact:** Allison Tanaka **T:** 310.918.7193 **E:** cultureshockla@yahoo.com

Youth and Community Outreach

Future Shock Los Angeles, our apprentice company provides youth (ages 17 and under) with hands-on experience performing and studying dance. These young dancers are trained and mentored by our company dancers in a family environment that fosters teamwork, respect, and positive self-expression. Future Shock dancers are required to maintain satisfactory grade point averages and participate regularly in local community events.



Kids' Dance Day is a free annual event designed to offer youth the opportunity to experience urban dance forms such as; breakin, lockin, poppin, jazz, and commercial hip hop. Over 100 youth from local areas participate each year.

H4: Hip Hop Has History is a dance day for adults created to bring urban dance to the community while also teaching the history of these dance forms. In addition to movement classes, the event features discussion panels with notable pioneers of urban dance lecturing and conducting Q&A sessions regarding the Hip Hop cultural movement.



Entertainment

Culture Shock LA provides a healthy positive environment for company dancers to creatively express themselves through dance and visual arts. Artistic dance medleys are created during rehearsals and are performed at diverse venues including dance showcases, school assemblies and community events. Past community events include: Nike Human Race, Ford Amphitheatre, AIDS Walk L.A., Power 106 Powerhouse, CAAF Dream Halloween, NBC's America's Got Talent, Special Olympics Opening Ceremony, and LA County Museum of Art.



Hip Hop for a Cause

Each year, Culture Shock Los Angeles produces a full-length collaborative arts performance showcase dedicated to a specific social cause. This show brings together urban artists from a variety of genres to create a thought - provoking, artistic dance production that is created to promote awareness and address critical issues that affect the community as a whole. Since our first production in 2005, an audience of over 6,000 people has joined us to highlight causes such as HIV/AIDS awareness and domestic violence prevention.





We are a troupe of individuals who, through the power of music and dance, cultivate self-worth, dignity, and respect for all people.

www.cultureshockla.com

Contact: Allison Tanaka

T: 310.918.7193

E: cultureshockla@yahoo.com

Who We Are

Culture Shock Los Angeles, is a non-profit, community outreach, hip hop dance company. Part of the world-wide network, Culture Shock Dance Troupe, Inc., Culture Shock LA uses urban dance forms to involve underserved populations in the arts, and works to showcase these forms with the same professional dedication and respect given to other styles of dance. Through development of community partnerships with other art and service organizations, Culture Shock LA continues to expand the depth and scope of it's programs, bringing dance and visual arts training to children and adults throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

Culture Shock LA furthers its mission through 3 channels

Dance Education: Utilizing the talents of its dancers and their interest in community outreach to establish programs that educate people about the rich, cultural history of Hip Hop in relation to other art forms.

Youth and Community Outreach: Mentoring youth and producing and participating in meaningful community events in the Los Angeles area.

Entertainment: Challenging ourselves as artists with diverse and innovative performance pieces that not only draw upon the multidisciplinary talents of local artists, but also promote education and awareness of important community and social issues.



Dance Education

In 2008-09, Culture Shock LA provided free after-school and in-school dance education programs at over 16 school sites. Part of the organization's Life-Enrichment through Artistic Development (LEAD) program, these workshops bring instruction in hip hop dance and the urban arts to students who may not otherwise have access to these opportunities.

Culture Shock LA provides low and no-cost dance classes for children and adults as part of a partnership with the South Bay Dance Center and Homeland Cultural Center in Long Beach.

Working collaboratively with the Pediatric Therapy Network, Culture Shock LA recently created a series of adapted dance classes for children with special needs.

