

NEW YORK CITY PULSE DANCE CONVENTION SUMMER FINALE 2011

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Here is the link to The Pulse on Tour's YouTube site, where they have posted Lindsay Nelko's recent Choreographer's Pick Award "Perfectly Lonely".

<http://www.youtube.com/pulsetour#p/u/0/VOvr7uVbZPU>

Lindsay's Contemporary Piece won for the second year in a row at the Pulse Dance Summer Finale in New York City! This time the performance received a standing ovation from the entire judging faculty and the audience of over 1500, at the Saturday Showcase and as the Choreographer's Pick at the Sunday Gala.

The dancers range in age from 13 – 22 years of age and are: **Alexis Frederick, Alexandra Haverstick, Kelsey Pooles, Morgan Pooles, Ashley Robson, Allison Slonosky and Sara Thompson**. Costumes were designed by our alumni **Amanda Thompson** with Lindsay Nelko and made by **Emelia Reddy**. While the video does not do justice to the emotion and brilliance of their performance, I thought you would all enjoy seeing it on YouTube for now.

These dancers also performed a new Contemporary Jazz piece by Lindsay called "**Change**" – with rave reviews as well!

Peter and Samantha Aiello also joined us at the convention and had a blast learning from this amazing Faculty! **Kelsey Pooles** is currently a "Protégé" with the Pulse and also performed in a special performance with the Protégés at the Gala. **Kelsey, Alexis, Alexandra, & Ashley** were there on Summer Intensive Scholarships and also performed in special pieces at the Gala choreographed by various Faculty members! Finally as a result of being selected as top Solo Scholarship performers, **Morgan, Alexis, Alexandra & Ashley** also performed in the Opening or Closing number at the Gala! **Alexis and Alexandra** also won Pulse convention scholarships in New York City to be used during the year!

Here are just some of the comments about "Perfectly Lonely"
From the American Dance Industries Top Choreographers and Directors:

Brian Friedman: "NO WORDS"

Chris Judd: "This is the best piece ever in all the seasons of the Pulse. The whole world needs to see this! WOW!! Stunning"

Desmond Richardson: "Amazing – the piece was honest, authentic and brilliant! They had a real connection that is rare and beautiful to experience. Beautiful. Creativity. Beautifully connected. Lovely!! Wow!!"

Gil Duldulao: "The best thing I've seen all season! Love opening! Chills! Commitment! Choreography! Beautiful use of feeling – technique. My Fav!"

Wade Robson: "Unbelievable! What a concept. What incredible actors. Inspiring."

Dave Scott: "Rare to see something so perfect – in every way"

Laurie Ann Gibson: "Perfect. Just perfect"

Brooke Lipton: "Amazing! Great opening with pictures."

Robert Hoffman: "Just Brilliant! I have nothing to say."

This year's showcase judges were (full bios on www.pulseontour.com under faculty):

- **Brian Friedman** - Britney Spears' choreographer, SYTYCD judge and choreographer, creative Director for America's Got Talent and X Factor
- **Wade Robson** - Emmy award winning choreographer on SYTYCD & Cirque du Soleil.
- **Chris Judd** - Michael Jackson's "Dangerous" and "History" world tours, choreographer on "America's Got Talent" and in the upcoming movie "Rock of Ages" starring Tom Cruise.
- **Laurie Ann Gibson** - Lady Gaga's creative visionary and choreographer, her own reality TV shows, "The Dance Scene" & "Born to Dance" and Emmy nominated for directing Lady Gaga's "The Monster Ball" Tour.
- **Dave Scott** - SYTYCD choreographer, Stomp the Yard, Step Up 3D and Dancing with the Stars.
- **Gil Duldalo** - Janet Jackson's choreographer, MTV music Awards, Nikki Minage, & American Idol
- **Desmond Richardson** – SYTYCD, Complexions Dance Co. , American Ballet Theater, Alvin Ailey and Tony Award Nomination
- **Robert Hoffman** - Step Up 2: The Streets and You Got Served
- **Brooke Lipton** - assistant choreographer on GLEE, Britney Spears' and "Rock of Ages"
- **Tessandra Chavez** - SYTYCD choreographer