

Street Dance NY To LA:

Toni Basil

PRESENTS A DECADE OF LOS ANGELES STREET DANCE

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TONI BASIL

LOCKING:

FRED BARRY

("Penguin" "Re-Run")

VOGUE & PUNKING:

ANDREW FRANK

BUGALOO & POPPING:

PETE SOLOMON

("Popping Pete")

All live dances, films and video are presented in the chronological order in which they were created or emerged, from 1971 to the present.

TONI BASIL, the well-known rock & roll choreographer, has done the choreography for Bette Midler's films and last four tours, co-directed David Bowie's "Diamond Dogs" tour, choreographed "American Graffiti", "Head", and tours and club appearances for Tina Turner, among others. She was commissioned to direct and choreograph the Talking Head's video-tape, "Cross-Eyed and Painless", and also co-directed with David Byrne the tape, "Once in a Lifetime". She spent two years on the West coast shooting and editing her own 8mm dance films. Filming for her BBC special took place in September. "A pioneer of the video album" (Video Review), Ms. Basil's video album, "Word of Mouth", is presently number one on the video charts in the United Kingdom.

Ms. Basil first brought street dancing to the attention of wider audiences by organizing the Lockers and presenting them on stage in a performance setting. During the past ten years she has continued to work with street dance groups, incorporating their movement into her own dance and video work, and combining it with her previous ballet training. Her interests in these directions led her to create a series of film and video recordings documenting a substantial amount of the material generated by the dancers.

FRED BARRY started dancing professionally in 1971 in night clubs in Los Angeles and in dance contests. Discovered while a member of The Lockers, he became the star of this own television series, "What's Happening". He is currently working on a solo record album, and has written a pilot for a new television series.

PETE SOLOMON's family originated the "Electric Bugaloo", which includes the dance steps "popping" and the "bugaloo". He has performed at MGM and the Silver Bird in Las Vegas, at the Harris Club in Lake Tahoe and at the Chicago and Los Angeles' Playboy Clubs. Pete is the youngest of the dancers performing tonight.

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ANDREW FRANK has been one of the primary forces in the gay dance movement, inventing the dance known as "the Vogue". He was "yell leader" in high school and at Los Angeles City College. After performing in Toni Basil's show at The Roxy in Los Angeles, he became lead dancer with Diana Ross from 1978-81. He was a featured performer in the television program "Soul Train" from 1970-72.

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