



GLOBAL WATER DANCES

Creating your water Dance: Environment and
Human Relationships as a Creative Process

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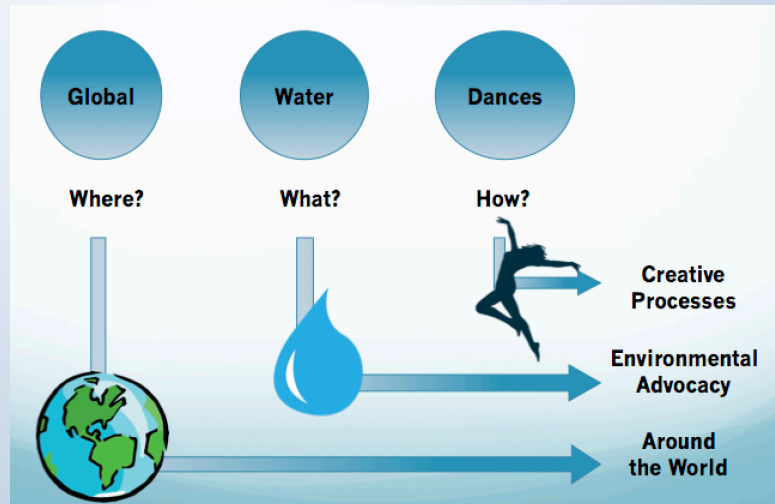
Hawaii, USA

VIDEO GLOBAL WATER DANCES

[Video: Global Water Dances, The Impact of
Dancing for Safe Water](#)

WHAT IS GLOBAL WATER DANCES?

- ♻️ Global Water Dances is a network of choreographers, site leaders and dancers
- ♻️ Orchestrates a biennial multinational, community-oriented event
- ♻️ Takes place at different water-related sites around the world on a single day, to raise awareness about water issues



WHERE? AROUND THE WORLD

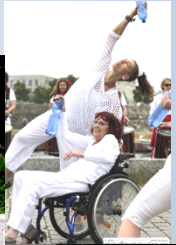


- ♻️ 2011: 57 locations
- ♻️ 2013: 62 locations
- ♻️ 2015: 79 locations
- ♻️ 2017: 108 locations
- ♻️ 2019: ???

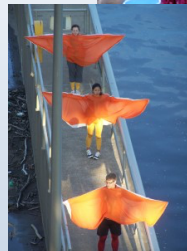
WHERE? AROUND THE WORLD

- ♻️ Diversity in ability, race, ethnicity, and nationality
- ♻️ No language barriers
- ♻️ Community building
- ♻️ Free performances
- ♻️ Sense of Simultaneity/synchronism: same day in different locations
- ♻️ Moving Bodies in the Public domain is a political statement

Berlin, Germany



St. Mary, Jamaica



Minneapolis, USA



Seoul, Korea

WHAT? ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY ABOUT WATER ISSUES



Word cloud from 2017 Choreographers' survey

WHAT? ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY THROUGH GWD

- ♻ Geographic local and global issues become social and political issues reflected in the dance
- ♻ Provides a platform for political action
- ♻ Body is a tool for change



Lima, Peru



Cincinnati, Ohio

HOW? CREATING YOUR WATER DANCE

Sections:

- ♻ Ritual
- ♻ Local Dance
- ♻ Global Dance
- ♻ Participatory Dance



HOW? RITUAL AND LOCAL DANCE

Local site leaders create their own choreography which reflect their own local water issues.



Lambayeque, Peru



Tamale, Ghana



Ubaldi

Ostra, Italy

HOW? GLOBAL DANCE SECTION

9 Min. of choreography done by all the performers worldwide to the same piece of music.

Incorporates R. Laban and I. Bartenieff's practices, especially *Movement Choir*

Nairobi, Kenya



Savar, Bangladesh



Steyerberg, Germany



Marikina City, Philippines

MOTIF SCORE GLOBAL SECTION
(EXCERPT)

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UNISON PHRASE [26] ⇒ perform phrase total of 3 times
⇒ the third time as of phrase ③
count 6 finish with Decapo

MOTIF SCORE

- ⬇ ⇒ Felling
- ☐ ⇒ Mouth
- ⬆ ⇒ Water Source
- ⤴ ⇒ Curves, salt circle forward
- ◇ ⇒ Shape
- ⋯ ⇒ vibrating phrasing
- ⚡ ⇒ Sticks, & eventually wear with top
- ⌂ ⇒ Repeat
- ⤴ ⇒ Location (see following design notes)
- ⤴ ⇒ Ad Lib (doing as before)
- ⇒ Area of floor low level
- ⇒ release or stop
- ⇒ hold or continue
- ▲ ⇒ Group
- ⬆ ⇒ Center of stage
- ⌂ ⇒ free timing
- 1/2 ⇒ Do a, A
- ⤴ ⇒ either axis
- ⊙ ⇒ whole body

HOW? PARTICIPATORY DANCE

⚡ Dancers and audience intermingle with a simple sequence, engaging people of all ages and abilities.

Taipei, Taiwan

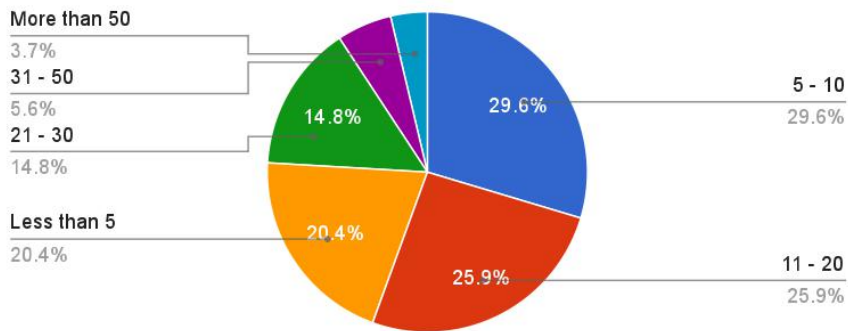
Mexico City, Mexico

Morelos, Mexico

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RESULTS FROM CHOREOGRAPHERS SURVEY 2017

5. Number of dancers:



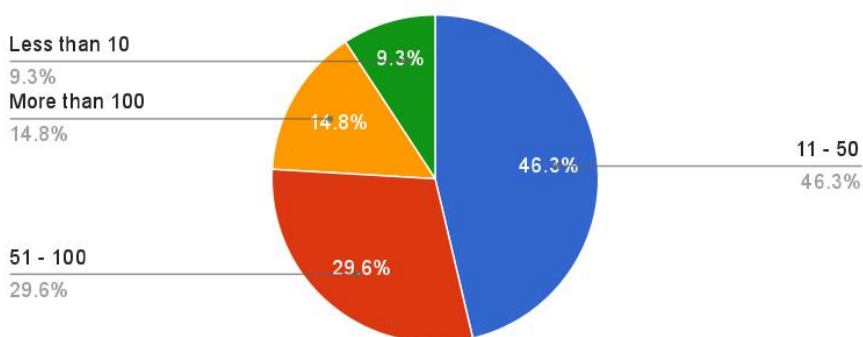
We estimate we had 1200 dancers participated globally in 2017.



Delhi, India

RESULTS FROM CHOREOGRAPHERS SURVEY 2017

6. Estimated number of people in audience:



We estimate we had 5000 people in our audience globally in 2017.

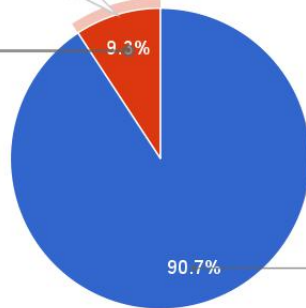


Long Beach, California

RESULTS FROM CHOREOGRAPHERS SURVEY 2017

12. Would you like to participate in the 2019 event?

Undecided
9.3%



Yes
90.7%



Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

RESULTS FROM AUDIENCE SURVEY 2015

600 surveys from four continents:

- 💧 78% said the performance increased their interest in water issues and were inspired to take action
- 💧 68% were likely to make more efforts to conserve water in their personal use
- 💧 75% brought sense of community and helped them to see the location in a new way



Takoradi, Ghana

CONCLUSIONS

- ♣ GWD invites general public to connect with their own bodies and the environment
- ♣ GWD provides a platform for choreographers to develop their art while promoting awareness about water issues



Sydney, Australia

**Global Water Dances =
Participatory Art + Environmental Activism**



South Thomaston, Maine, USA

Our next event: June 15th 2019

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