

# PureWow

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One of the most thrilling things about being in New York is how off-the-charts talented everyone is. **Your waitress could be the next Lady Gaga.** Your Broadway-theater bartender? Possibly **destined for a Billy Eichner-level career.** Your barista? Hey, **Andrew Garfield got his start** at Starbucks. And since world-class dancers move to the Big Apple in droves, you'll find many of them teaching dance classes for kids at the city's elite studios. If you've got an aspiring ballerina or Broadway star in your family, read on for the best places for them to shake it 'til they make it. (Or, you know, until dinnertime.)



## 1. BALLET HISPÁNICO (UPPER WEST SIDE)

**Claim to fame:** With an emphasis on teaching dance from Latino cultures—flamenco and salsa—as well as ballet, tap and jazz, the [early childhood program](#) specifically prioritizes individual self-expression. It's also where Jennifer

Lopez trained. *\*Drops mic\**

**Best for ages:** 2 and up

**Standout class:** The Encuentros Open Class Program for ages 6 to 8. A warm, empowering, judgment-free class series that culminates in a stunning recital.

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