

## Clip: Men in Dance

## Episode 5: Real Men Don't Dance

## Activity: Leading Men

## Themes: Dance knowledge

There are many famous men who have made a career of Dance: Gregory Hines, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Nijinsky, Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, Christopher Walken, Sammy Davis Jr., Patrick Swayze, Michael Jackson, Matt Lee, Jason Coleman, Etienne Khoo.

1. As a class, view the clip, *Men in Dance*, and discuss the role of the male dancer/s. Find and view a number of dance videos on YouTube including Fat Boy Slim's *Weapon of Choice* and a section from the opening scene of *You Got Served* (2004) released by Columbia Pictures' Screen Gems.
2. Have students discuss the different qualities the men display in these dance examples. Ask students to respond to the following questions:
  - a. In three words, how would you describe the look of these male dancers?
  - b. What are some of the advantages male dancers have over women in these dance examples?
  - c. Examine the dance pieces and explain your opinion on the phrase '*real men don't dance*'?
3. Divide the class into pairs or small groups. Place the male dancers mentioned above along the **Student Activity Sheet E5.2: Men Who Dance Timeline**. Focus on the time in which their careers were at a peak. Beside the dancer's name, include the dance style they are/were famous for.
4. Choose one dancer and research the following areas:
  - a. Country they trained and predominantly worked in
  - b. Two shows/films/performances they are famous for
  - c. Notable achievements, including some images or film clips
5. Present this research to the class as a visual and oral presentation.

## Download

- Student Activity Sheet E5.2: Men Who Dance Timeline

## Useful resources

- [The Australian Ballet: leading male dancers](#)
- [YouTube, Fat Boy Slim, \*Weapon of Choice\* \(starring Christopher Walken\)](#)
- [YouTube, Fat Boy Slim, \*Weapon of Choice\* \(remix\)](#)
- *You Got Served* (2004) released by Columbia Pictures' Screen Gems (DVD)



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## Men in Dance Timeline

Fill out the following table writing in the left column the years that famous male dancers were at the height of their career, taking note of the style they were famous for in the right column.

Be sure to keep the years in chronological order from 1800s up until now.

Year	Male Dancer's Name	Style
1800		

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2000		
Now		