

**“House is a Feeling”
House Dance History and Resources**

House Dance was born out of House Music and the interchanging creative flows between Chicago and New York in the late 1970s. House Dance is a freestyle and social dance form that originated from the underground club culture. Highly informed by African diasporic culture and aesthetics as well as queer culture and bodies, House Dance has grown from local to a transnational exchange of movement explorations contributing to its wide range of expressions and aesthetic styles. Its international popularity, starting in the 1990s by House Dance practitioners teaching nationally and abroad, thereupon initiated a codification of the form. Although it is more visibly practiced inside studios, institutions and within the context of battles, House Dance and culture continues to call the club home and social dance as its origin.



Photo of Marjory Smarth, a major figure in House Dance and culture

House Music Samples:

- “Best Classic House Music 1990-1995 – History of House Music 3 by DJ Chill X.”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdHrtze4BaE>
- “Best house music 1997-2006.”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRPYu8pFam8&list=RDeRPYu8pFam8&start_radio=1&t=309
- “GLUCK House” mix
https://open.spotify.com/user/1291249436/playlist/3zfy6UQJvjDpLzHtrwqsw8?si=H8Ljdz_CSZGs5cfkwDjoNA

Documentaries:

- *Check Your Body at the Door*. Directed by Sally Sommer, 2012.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RR_RX5a83Y
- *I Was There When House Took Over the World: House Was Born/Part 1*. Directed by Jake Sumner, 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hzhd4WsuX6k&feature=youtu.be>
- *I Was There When House Took Over the World: House Went Global/Part 2*. Directed by Jake Sumner, 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INXilq5Puu0>

Articles:

- DJ Lynnée Denise. "The Afro-Digital Migration: A DJ's Journey from Hip-Hop to House Music." *Girls Like Us*, 2014,
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https://www.jstor.org/stable/1477805?seq=1#metadata_info_tab_contents
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<https://thehousemason.wordpress.com/2013/09/16/house-dancing-origins-originals/>

Learn House Dance online:

- Jardy Santiago. <https://www.youtube.com/user/JardySantiago>
- "House Old School Dictionary." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2Mp2jQMuiU>
- "Learn How To House Dance | Time Step | Coflo(Circle Of Fire / Soulshifters)." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogASj4J77hQ>