

The World Goes On

A Collaboration

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Jamie O'Neal

Country Music Recording Artist
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The Song



Country singer Jamie O'Neal's album *Sometimes* was always going to include "The World Goes On," but circumstances changed the tone and meaning of the song. O'Neal wrote the original lyrics before the term "**social distancing**" became commonplace, prompting a few re-writes to turn a breakup song into a more solemn look at society at large.

"It's about the fear that we've all felt," O'Neal says. "Especially in the beginning, just being glued to the news and feeling absolutely gripped by that fearful feeling. Then so many weeks later thinking the world does go on. We need to move on. We need to get past this. We need to stay strong and build again and feel like we can get outside and breathe and be normal."

The song promises a less gloomy tomorrow whether you're itching to see live music again or if you're kept up at night thinking about others' unspeakable losses.

The Project

A compilation video of college dance teams from across the country performing choreography to The World Goes On by Jamie O'Neal



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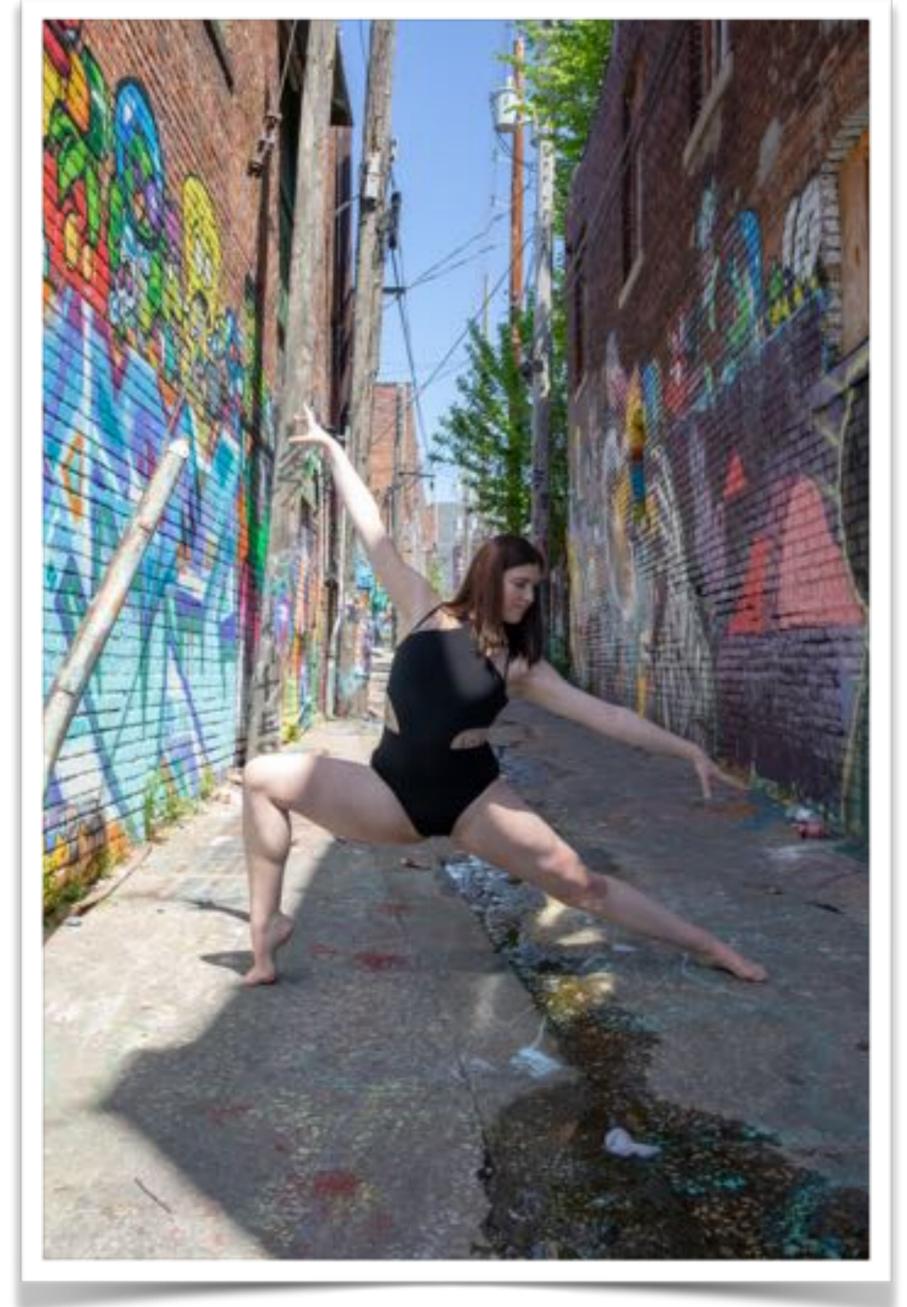
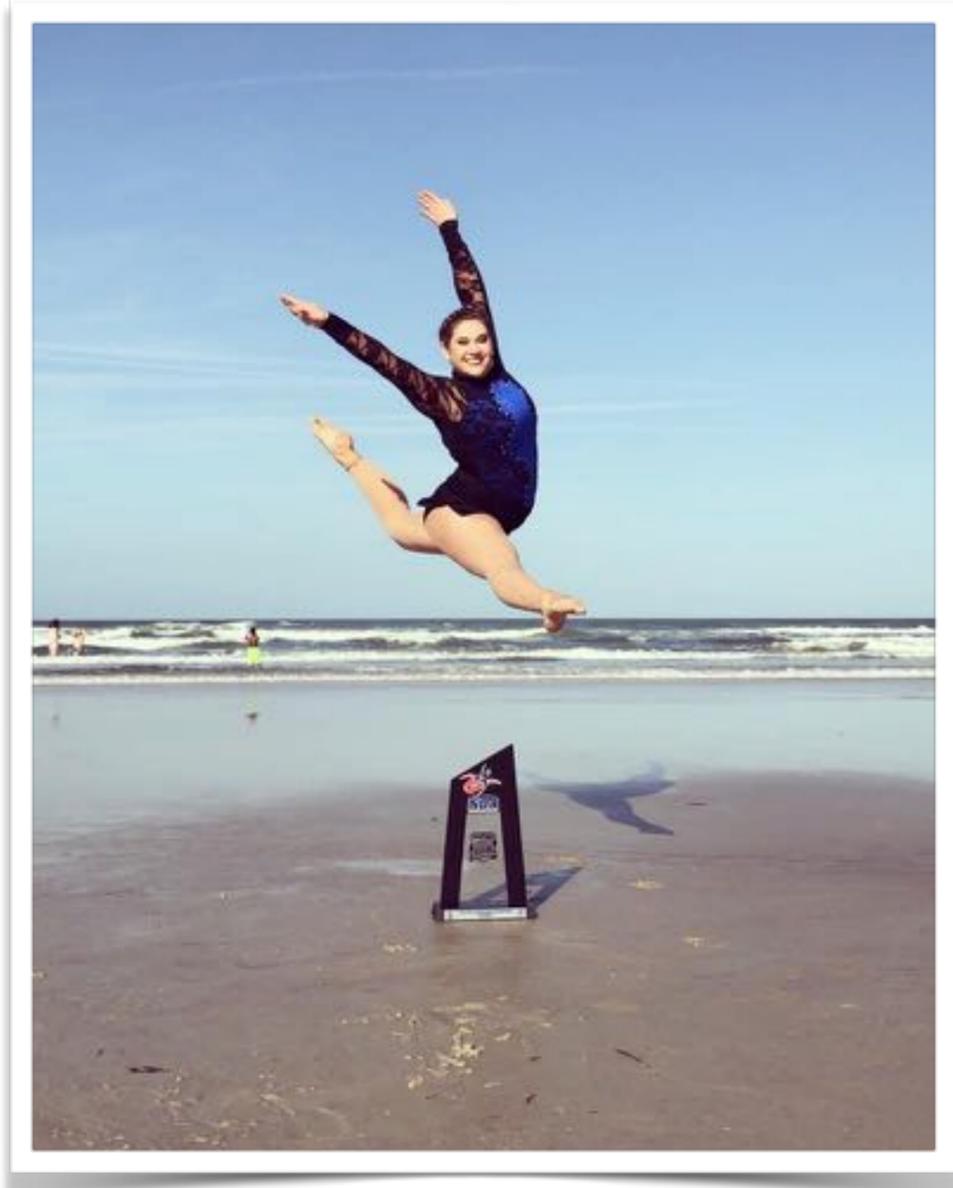


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College Teams



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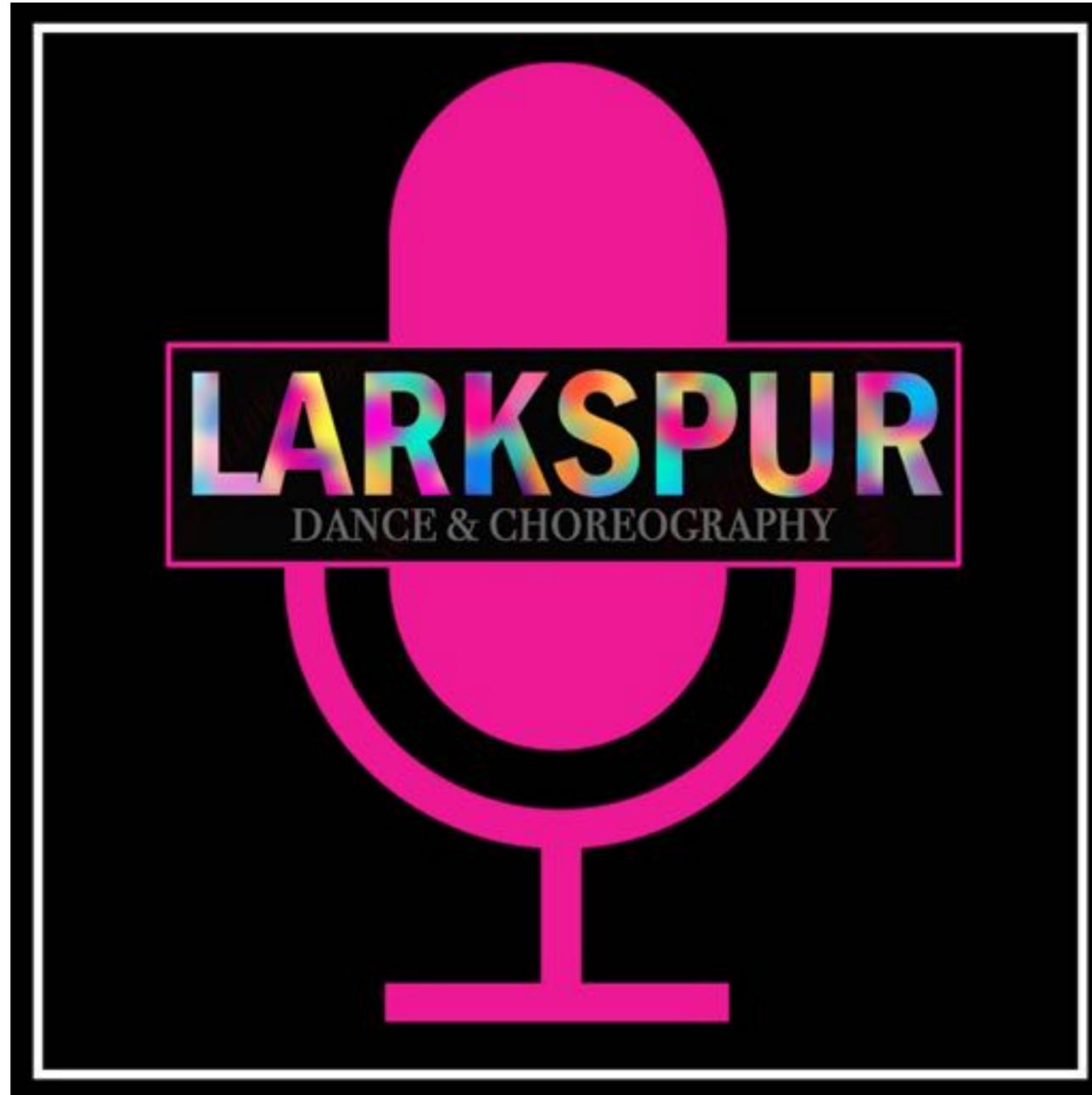
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podcast episode
with artist
Jamie O'Neal at
this [link](#).

Join us in this collaborative project!

This pandemic has been so challenging for so many teams and we're so very pleased and happy to bring some joy and encouragement to teams everywhere. Involvement in this project provides your team with an opportunity to

- Acknowledge the challenges they've overcome
- Be cognizant of the fact that many blessings are still present
- Connect with each other and with other teams from near and far
- Be a part of something positive that's bigger than themselves
- Transition from a time of uncertainty and doubt to a time of positivity and determination

Choose one of these instructional videos in the Google Folder at this [link](#) and have your team, or a smaller group from your team, learn the choreography. Feel free to shorten it, add to it or make changes so the choreo fits your team. Then film your team performing the choreo and submit it to be included in a large collaboration video by using this [Google Form](#).

Due date for video submissions is September 30th, 2021.

If you'd like for your video to be included in the collaboration video, have all performers featured on the video complete and sign a copy of the [Video Release Form](#). There is a place to upload PDFs or JPGs of the completed releases on the Google Form.

Teams and performers are welcome to post any behind the scenes footage or photos from their participation in this project to their own social media accounts and pages. We just ask that they tag or mention Larkspur Dance & Choreography and Jamie O'Neal in any of the posts and use the following hashtag: #TheWorldGoesOn. This will enable us to repost and share!

Inclusivity and a wide reach is the main goal, so all are encouraged to participate and submit footage of material that they are comfortable and confident in performing. Making changes to the choreo, being creative with your submissions, and utilizing camera angles that best fit your team's ability level and style are all welcomed and expected. We can't wait to see what your teams contribute to this project!

If you have questions, please reach out to melanie@larkspurdance.com.

Further suggestions for your team

The following questions can be used to open dialog and discussion with your team members to help them process the pandemic and move forward. These questions can be used for journal entries or “circle time” where each team member shares a response.

1. Can you think of some good things (silver linings) that have come out of the pandemic?
2. During this time we all faced adversity, and we handled it. We did things that we never dreamed would be possible or necessary. What was a situation during the pandemic where you successfully encountered and handled adversity or a challenge?
3. How did you fill any extra time you might have had during the pandemic? Did you discover any new or rediscover old hobbies, pastimes, or passions?
4. The pandemic brought us lots of surprises. What were some things that surprised you about the following: your family, your friends, your interests, your strengths, your weaknesses?
5. The pandemic has also brought us lots of changes. What are some of these changes or adaptations that you’ve had to make that you’re going to continue?
6. The pandemic has also been a time that we’ve needed to ask for help. Where did you get the help that you needed? How can we continue to help each other as a team?

Further suggestions for your team

At Larkspur Dance & Choreography, we've chosen the following theme to not only get us through the pandemic, but to transition from it with strength, positivity, and a resolve to constantly evolve:

We're not getting back to normal, we're moving forward to fabulous!

You are welcome to adopt this as your team's motto or theme as well, or you can formulate your own. Spend some time journaling or discussing how your team can emerge from this stronger and better as individuals and as a team. You can also talk about things you've really come to appreciate and set individual and team goals to ensure forward movement and not reverting back to normal. How can you as individuals and as a team really make a difference with each other, with your school, with your community, your state, and beyond?

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