

Gestures Dance Ensemble, the pre-professional resident student dance company of Harbor Conservatory for the Performing Arts, a division of Boys Harbor, performed at the Papal Youth Rally for Pope Benedict XVI on April 19th at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. Along with other local talented youth groups and choirs, GESTURES shared the stage with such music notables as Kelly Clarkson, Toby Mac, Salvadore, the 3 Graces and others. The young members of the ensemble were excited and honored to be representing the youth of New York at this historic event.

For the rally, GESTURES performed "HEIGHTENED" choreographed by Harbor Conservatory alumnus, Darrell Moultrie. Conservatory Artistic Director/Dance Director, Nina Klyvert-Lawson had this to say, "I know that this performance of HEIGHTENED will inspire everyone, it is a work that inspires each of us to be the best that we can be and affirms we all are in service to mankind through greater faith, greater hope and greater love. I hope you share in our excitement. I ask that you think of us and wish us well. GESTURES Dance Ensemble, the talent of the day and all the youth at the rally represent our future, and all of its wonderful possibilities."

Since 1989, Gestures Dance Ensemble has been training and developing the talent of the Conservatory's most advanced dance students. Each year GESTURES dancers embark on a rigorous training and rehearsal schedule complimented by the presentation of free public performances that reaffirm the GESTURES commitment to community service. As the company prepares to celebrate its 20th Anniversary, it is honored to have been chosen as a participant in this momentous experience.