



It wouldn't be "Fame" without some solid dance scenes.

Updated song and dance

Though the tune "Fame" is still in the 2009 film, it has a catchy beat and could fit into Z100's lineup seamlessly. The soundtrack also features six original songs, including several prominent hip-hop numbers.

In terms of dance, the most famous image from the 1980 film is joyful students dancing on cars in the middle of a New York City street. Alas, that scene isn't a part of the current film. However, dance — hip-hop, jazz, ballet, African, tap, modern — still plays a huge role, with choreography by the award-winning Marguerite Derricks.

Not-so-instant 'Fame'

The original "Fame" depicted the cutthroat intensity of the program at Manhattan's School of Performing Arts. In a day when reality stars rule the airwaves, the representation of the struggle to lay a foundation for a successful career in the arts is certainly relevant.

"'Fame' showcased the hard work and dedication of people in this industry," Tancharoen said. "That was something that I thought was really lacking in the marketplace today because everyone seems to be focusing on the idea of instant fame."

LET'S DANCE!

Liked what you saw in the movie and think you can give it a shot? Here's a list of local studios that offer walk-in classes for any skill level.



Alvin Ailey offers classes for all. (ARTHUR COOPCHICK)



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Crunch gyms

Crunch gyms are offering "Fame"-inspired dance classes at various locations in Manhattan. Instructors met with the film's choreographers to bring the moves and music to the gym. Classes run through the end of the year.

crunch.com
Alvin Ailey Dance Theater
 This nationally recognized dance company opens its studio to all levels.
 405 W. 55th St., at Ninth Ave.,
 212-405-9000

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 212-405-9000

Broadway Dance Center
 Offers more than 200 classes weekly in Times Square, including African, tap and ballet.
 322 W. 45th St., btwn Eighth and Ninth aves.,
 212-582-9304

Dance New Amsterdam
 The institution is celebrating its 25th birthday this year.
 280 Broadway, at Chambers St., 212-625-8369

Brooklyn Dance Project
 Alums have gone on to perform with Prince and Paula Abdul.
 495 Third Ave., Park Slope,
 718-499-5402