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## Cynthia King Dance Studio Performs to in New York City to Benefit Farm Sanctuary: A Message of Compassion to Animals

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"Congrats! You've won four free tickets to the 2/19 Kumble Theater Performance of Dinner and Other Dances," was the message I received on the morning of Feb. 15th. I quickly spread the word that I was going to see one of New York City's finest dance studios perform to benefit one of New York City's biggest animal rights organizations. The [Cynthia King Dance Studio](#) performed "[Dinner and Other Dances](#)" at the [Kumble Theater](#) at Long Island University's Brooklyn [Campus](#) to benefit [Farm Sanctuary](#) Sat. Feb. 19th at 7 p.m. to a packed theater. My guests and I enjoyed watching performers of various ages exemplify the plight of animals in modern society.

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Young children acted out the behaviors of various farm animals in the dance "Sanctuary Suite," while the author of *Our Farm: By the Animals of Farm Sanctuary* read excerpts of her book. The piece "Dinner" brought a tear to my eye as the dancers came to life on the plate of the stage. The performance was thought provoking, yet not graphic. There is no doubt that all those who walked out of "Dinner" and Other Dances back onto the New York City streets will never look at their food the same again.

### Cynthia King Dance Studio

In 2002, Cynthia King opened the Cynthia King Dance Studio in Brooklyn to provide an open and embracing atmosphere to develop the skills of local dancers. Children express themselves through dances about animals, events or abstract, set to music of all types. Cynthia King [Vegan Ballet Slippers](#) are the only U.S.-based vegan ballet slipper paper that recently gained publicity through their use in *Vogue* and *Entertainment Weekly* for photo shoots with vegan "[Black Swan](#)" actress Natalie Portman.

### Farm Sanctuary

This volunteer organization, co-founded in 1986 by Gene Baur, began spreading their message through the rescue of abused and neglected farm animals in New York. Since then, the rescue and educational work of Farm Sanctuary has reached epic proportions, rescuing thousands of animals and educating millions of people on the plight of farm animals in today's farms. Farm Sanctuary works to reach out to big businesses and legislators to put an end to farm animal cruelty. Hundreds of thousands of Farm Sanctuary supporters spread the word daily in their local towns through advocacy campaigns.

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experience with seats only a few feet away from the stage. The Kumble Theater provides the stage for various performances each month, ranging from dances to plays in a multitude of styles to appeal to an audience of all ages.

A portion of the proceeds from "Dinner" and Other Dances went to support Farm Sanctuary and further raise awareness of ongoing animal cruelty within the U.S. As a vegan and co-founder of RU-VEG, a vegan group on Rutgers University's Newark campus, my heart breaks to think of the torture these animals endure. Too many animals suffer due to the ignorance of humankind. I truly enjoyed and appreciated the work by Cynthia King Dance Studio along with Farm Sanctuary. "Dinner" and Other Dances was beautiful, heartwarming and a memory I will keep for a lifetime.