



Blankenbuehler demonstrates his Tony-winning moves

Congratulations to Andy

Blankenbuehler! The video clip from his class at the 2009 *Dance Teacher Summit* is the Editors' Choice winner for June's *DT* Video of the Month contest. The 2008 Tony Award-winning choreographer for *In The Heights* is now working on a new musical, *Bring It On: The Musical*, which he will not only choreograph but also direct. The show, premiering January 2011 in Atlanta, Georgia, is based on the series of *Bring It On* films but features a whole new story and cast of characters. "In the show, hip hop is used as a storytelling device," Blankenbuehler says. "So it's sort of a ballet of hip hop."

In The Heights still keeps him busy as well. He is continually casting for the Broadway and touring productions, and he checks in at least once a month to be sure the show stays clean

and strong.

Despite Blankenbuehler's full schedule, he always makes time for teaching. "I like teaching a lot, so I try to give at least one master class every month, just to do something different and clean the palate a little bit," he says. "The whole process of verbalizing and articulating my thoughts helps me be sure that my instincts are well thought out, and it wipes my brain clean of all that I'm submerged in with Broadway shows." —Rachel Zar

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