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José limón

José Limón (1908-1972) was a Mexican-born modern dancer and choreographer hailed by The New York Times as the "finest male dancer of his time." Limón studied and performed in New York City with modern dance pioneers Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman, premiering his first major choreographic work, Danzas Mexicanas, in 1937. He founded the José Limón Dance Company in 1946, choreographing over 74 works, including his signature piece, The Moor's Pavane, based on Shakespeare's Othello.

Limón's legacy continues: In 2008, the José Limón Dance Foundation received a National Medal of Arts award from President George W. Bush; in 2012, Limón was featured on a U.S. postage stamp; and today, nearly 5,000 New York City school children participate in Limón4Kids, a free dance education program offered by the José Limón Dance Foundation.

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