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Achinta S. McDaniel
Choreographer. Artistic Director

Achinta S. McDaniel is a pioneer of contemporary East Indian dance in the United States, working as a leading choreographer on both screen and stage for over a decade. Her work appears in feature films and television, commercials, music videos, and live theatrical dance productions from LA to Mumbai. McDaniel has worked with such renowned directors as Todd Haynes and Puneet Issar, and with American celebrities from Dustin Hoffman, Chris Kattan, and Beau Bridges to Bollywood stars Anupam Kher, Boman Irani, and Nandana Sen.

A prolific choreographer, performer, and instructor, McDaniel's powerful and fresh style draws from diverse techniques including hip hop, ballet, jazz, tap, modern, *Bhangra*, *Kathak*, and Bollywood to create truly spectacular and visionary dance. Her work is highly dramatic and a real reflection of her upbringing: Eastern and Western, exotic, mysterious, wild, electric and unconventional. The press most aptly describes Achinta: "Truly beyond all spectacle [is] the dancing seductress artistic director Achinta S. McDaniel, who brightens up the stage with her presence and brings to the crowd a wave of enthusiasm that leaves them yelling from their seats."

In 1999, McDaniel founded **blue13 dance company**, the country's first contemporary Bollywood dance ensemble, since enjoying great success in creating live dance productions in her signature *Bollywood-Tech*[™] style, along with mixed-genre modern dance around the globe. blue13 has performed to sold out audiences from LA and New York City to Las Vegas, Paris, and Morocco, consistently receiving critical acclaim across the world. More information on McDaniel and her work can be found online at www.blue13dance.com.

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