

Making Broadway Dance: Kao Kalia Yang's Journey to Broadway



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Kao Kalia Yang's journey to Broadway is an inspiring story of perseverance, passion, and overcoming adversity. From her humble beginnings in Laos to her successful career as a dancer and choreographer, Yang has faced and overcome many challenges. Her story is a reminder that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

Early life and beginnings in dance

Kao Kalia Yang was born in Laos in 1980. Her family fled the country when she was a young child, and they eventually settled in St. Paul, Minnesota. Yang began dancing at a young age, and she quickly discovered her passion for the art form. She studied ballet, jazz, and modern dance, and she performed in local dance competitions. In 2000, Yang was accepted into the Juilliard School, where she studied dance and choreography.

Breakthrough role in "Fela!"

After graduating from Juilliard, Yang landed her breakthrough role in the Broadway musical "Fela!". The show was a critical and commercial success, and Yang's performance was praised by critics. She was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical, and she won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical. Yang's performance in "Fela!" helped to launch her career on Broadway.

Continuing success on Broadway

Since her breakthrough role in "Fela!", Yang has continued to appear in a number of successful Broadway shows. She has starred in "The Color Purple", "Motown: The Musical", and "The Great Comet". She has also choreographed several Broadway shows, including "Sweat" and "Hadestown". Yang's work has been praised by critics and audiences alike, and she is considered one of the most talented choreographers working on Broadway today.

Overcoming adversity

Yang's journey to Broadway has not been without its challenges. She has faced discrimination and racism throughout her career, but she has never given up on her dreams. She is an inspiration to all who know her, and her story is a reminder that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

Kao Kalia Yang is a true pioneer in the world of dance. She is an accomplished dancer, choreographer, and director, and she has made a significant contribution to the Broadway stage. Her story is an inspiration to

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