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Shimon Braun (<https://shimonbraun.com>) - Holocaust survivor, groundbreaking choreographer, and artistic visionary -

redefined the boundaries of dance. Shimon Braun's journey is one of resilience, artistry, and innovation. We invite you to meet Shimon and celebrate his story at our Champagne Book Signing on Saturday, May 3, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at CSz Philadelphia (2030 Sansom Street, Philadelphia)—the former home of his dance studio, Jazz Dance Center, and WAVES.



Shimon Braun in his studio

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Congratulations and thank you to Shimon for making a lasting impression on the dance world.”

Shimon's journey began as a child refugee fleeing war-torn

Poland in 1938. By age 10, he had traveled across five countries and spoken five languages. He

transformed from a gymnastics champion into a pioneering choreographer, revolutionizing jazz dance by blending classical ballet, gymnastics, and street dance—becoming the first to bring breakdancing to the professional stage.

His renowned company, WAVES, was hailed as “A Phenomenon” by The New York Times, captivating audiences from Philadelphia’s Academy of Music to London’s Royal Festival Hall. WAVES reshaped the American dance scene, spawning a generation of artists who credit Shimon for their success.

Shimon Braun Dance Excerpt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QkKhIje5hs>

Every WAVES performance ended in a standing ovation, with legends like Marcel Marceau clamoring to meet Shimon backstage. His life’s journey—fleeing war-torn Poland as a child refugee, speaking five languages by age ten, and ultimately transforming the dance world—is an inspiring narrative that bridges history, culture, and art.

Monica Horan Rosenthal, “Amy” from Everyone Loves Raymond, wrote: "Shimon Braun is an artist, a dancer, a survivor, and a true citizen of the universe. His story is dance history, world history, and life philosophy all rolled into one... I’m thrilled it will now be shared with readers through his captivating book."

Now, as WAVES celebrates its 50th anniversary, Shimon’s legacy continues to inspire. His memoir, *A Choreographic Journey of Survival and Triumph*—tells the remarkable story of his journey from Holocaust survivor to trailblazing choreographer. For copies of Shimon’s memoir, please call: 610.659.6234 or write: meghan.braun1@gmail.com.

Canvas Rebel profiled Shimon on February 25 : <https://canvasrebel.com/meet-shimon-braun>

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