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Dancing to the top



LEAP OF FAITH: Chase Brock (in jacket) oversees his contemporary dance company.

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DANCE ON BROADWAY, the new Nintendo Wii game that lets players “star” in shows like *Legally Blonde* and *Chicago*, is now the top-selling game on Amazon.co.uk. For creator Chase Brock, it is his biggest commercial gig yet, although certainly not his first. ¶ The 26-year-old dancer has choreographed major productions from an opera for the Salzburg Festival in Austria to CBS’ *Broadway Under the Stars* special. His No. 1 passion, however, is The Chase Brock Experience, a contemporary dance company he founded in 2006. The troupe presents two seasons per year in New York City, usually to stellar reviews. ¶ Mr. Brock’s career harks back to his childhood. At age 6, he asked his parents if he could start dance lessons. Soon after, he was corralling neighborhood kids to put on shows in his garage. At 16, he left his small-town high school in North Carolina—where he says he never fit in—to move to New York. He beat out 600 hopefuls for a role in *The Music Man*, which ran for two years. ¶ Now, happier to create the dances, Mr. Brock says the choreography just flows out of him. “I’m lucky it hasn’t stopped coming,” he adds.

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