

David “Abide” Pellinen has been a dedicated force in Hip Hop culture since 1998, when he began his journey in the style of Breaking. What started as a personal passion quickly grew into a global movement of teaching, learning, and community building—carrying Abide’s influence to Kampala, Tokyo, Nairobi, Amsterdam, New York, Seattle, Los Angeles, and throughout his home state of Minnesota, with deep roots in the Twin Cities.

A respected performer and collaborator, Abide has shared the stage with iconic artists including KRS One, Naughty By Nature, Vanilla Ice, DJ Premier, Lupe Fiasco, Diamond D, and many others. His career highlights include regular performances at Minnesota NBA and WNBA games from 2009–2015 and appearing in the Super Bowl LII Halftime Show alongside Justin Timberlake.

Abide is also a visionary leader within the dance community. He co-founded influential organizations such as 612 Crew, New Heist Dance Crew, and Dance Orchestra, and has been instrumental in developing and writing Hip Hop and Breaking curricula used in programs and schools. His commitment to mentorship and service is reflected through volunteer leadership with TC Omega and BreakFree Ministries.

Continuing to perform, judge, compete, teach, host open sessions, and mentor the next generation, Abide remains a pillar of Hip Hop culture—dedicated to preserving its roots, expanding its reach, and strengthening the Twin Cities community while impacting dancers around the world.