Thursday

Ajkun Ballet Theatre City Center Studios, 130 W 56th St between Sixth and Seventh Aves (212-686-4444, ajkunbt.org). Subway: F, N, Q, R to 57th St; 6: 30pm; $20–$25. As part of its Face Series, the company offers a mixed bill featuring two works by Ellen Stropoli and excerpts from Don Quixote.

Collaborations in Dance Festival
Triskelion Arts, 118 North 11th St between Berry St and Wuthie Ave, Williamsburg, Brooklyn (718-599-3577, triskelionarts.org). Subway: L to Bedford Ave, G to Nassau Ave. 8pm; $15. This festival features collaborative works in dance, film, video, music and visual arts. Performances on offer include Radeke Dance Theatre’s In a Queer Time and Place, a work by Brent Radeke and designer Rob Bie; once Lawrence Vangeline Theatre’s 7642, a union of Buffalo and clowning; and Glitter Kitty Productions’ The Devil’s Waltz, which combines puppetry, music and dance.

*FREE Downtown Dance Festival
One New York Plaza, Water St between Whitehall St and South Ferry Av. Noon–3pm. Downtown Dance Company’s Downtown Dance Festival, now in its 31st year, features free performances from several groups, including Sri Waisan—a Malaysian ethnic dance group—and Exit 12 Dance Company, a troupe founded by Murat-Sgt. Roman Baca after his time in Iraq. The season concludes through Fri 17 with performances showcasing ballet, modern dance and Indian forms; dance workshops will also be held at Dance New Amsterdam.

Program: The Vanaver Caravan.

* Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival 2012
Jacob’s Pillow, 338 George Carter Rd (413-543-0745, jacobspillow.org). Travel: Peter Pan bus from Port Authority to Lee, MA. Then take a taxi to Jacob’s Pillow. 8, 8:15pm; $22–$70. The annual festival in the Berkshires celebrates its 80th anniversary with a diverse program of international companies. Throughout the season, performers include Morphoses, Bill T. Jones Arnie Zane Dance Company, the Jeffrey Ballet and Trey McIntyre Project.

*SMuin Ballet joyce theater, 175 Eighth Ave at 19th St (212-434-2130). Subway: 1 to 6th Ave. 8pm. $10–$49. The company returns to the Joyce with Michael Smuin’s Medea, Trey McIntyre’s Oh, Inverted World and Amy Seiwert’s Soon These Two Worlds.

Cricits’ picks
The best events this week

1 Downtown Dance Festival One New York Plaza
As part of this festival, the Indo-American Arts Council curates Erasing Borders of Indian Dance, now in its fifth incarnation. ► Fri 17

2 Mark Morris Dance Group Rose Theater (at Frederick P. Rose Hall)
The gifted choreographer brings his 1989 masterwork Dido and Aeneas to Mostly Mozart, with Amber Star Merkens in the dual role of Dido and the Sorceress. ► Wed–Aug 25

3 SMuin Ballet Joyce Theater
This San Francisco company hits the Joyce with a triple bill featuring Michael Smuin’s Medea, Trey McIntyre’s Oh, Inverted World and Amy Seiwert’s Soon These Two Worlds. ► Thu–Sat

4 Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival 2012 Jacob’s Pillow Summer is sliding away: Head up to the Adirondacks to catch dances by Compagnie Käfig, Liz Gerring and the Joffrey Ballet in a rustic setting. ► Through Aug 26

5 Eleone Dance Theatre + Niles Ford/Urban Dance Collective East River Park
Philadelphia company Eleone Dance Theatre shares a program with Urban Dance Collective; if you feel like moving, arrive at 7pm for a high-energy class with Calvin Wiley. ► Sat

Friday 17

Ajkun Ballet Theatre Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th St, Mott Haven, Bronx (212-866-4444, ajkunbt.org). Subway: 2, 5 to 149th St–Grand Concourse. 7:30pm; $25–$27.50. The New York ballet company performs Don Quixote.

Collaborations in Dance Festival 8pm. See Thu 16.

*FREE Downtown Dance Festival
Noon–3pm. See Thu 20. Program: Erasing Borders of Indian Dance Festival, curated by the Indo-American Arts Council and including Bageshree Vaze (Kathak), Jai Kishore and Padmavani Mosekantni (Kuchipudi), Mayuri Indian Dance Ensemble (bhangra), Sonali Sandhan & Jiva Dance (Bharata Natyam) and Chhau Dance Group (Chhau).

* Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival 2012 8, 8:15pm. See Tue 16.

*SMuin Ballet See Thu 16.

Malini Srinivasan and Dancers The White Box (at 440 Studio). 440 Lafayette St between Astor Pl and E 4th St (212-434-7619, fringeNYC.org). Subway: N, R to 6th St–NYU; 6 to Astor Pl. 6:15pm; $15; address $15. This year’s New York International Fringe Festival includes Malini Srinivasan’s Being Becoming, in which dancers transform their identities.

Saturday 18

FREE Big Dance Theater Governors Island (212-319-9401, lincnet.net). Travel: 1 to South Ferry, then take the Governors Island Ferry from the Battery Maritime Building, Slip 7. 3pm. Big Dance Theater joins playwright Sheryl Kopp to present a work-in-progress titled Ich, Körbesgeist, a mixture of performance, text and sound set in an uncolonized medieval landscape. Space is limited; to RSVP, visit lincnet.net calendar and click on the link to the event.

FREE Eleone Dance Theatre + Niles Ford/Urban Dance Collective East River Park
FDR Dr between Montgomery and E 120th St (212-369-1399, cipoerafoundation.org/summerstage). Subway: F to Delancey St; F to Delancey–Essex St; L to First Ave. 8pm. Eleone Dance Theatre offers The Dancers Progressions and Niles Ford/Urban Dance Collective perform for the 2012 SummerStage festival. (Ford’s company continues without him; he passed away unexpectedly earlier this year.)

The Hip-Hop Dance Conservatory Repertory Company Rose Nagelberg Theatre at the Barrington Performing Arts Center. 160 E 25th St between Lexington