



José Limón

by Mrs. Taylor



José Limón was a famous Hispanic American modern dancer, choreographer and teacher. He was known for his dramatic dancing. He was born in 1908 in Culiacán, Mexico. His family came to live in the United States in 1915. In 1928 he came to New York City to study art, but liked dance so much that it became his focus. Others began to notice his Limón's talent and he was very successful in performing. After World War II, in 1946 he founded his own dance company. Limón had begun choreographing in 1931, and continued until he died in 1972.



Some of his most admired works are *The Moor's Pavane* (1949), *La Malinche* (1949), *There Is a Time* (1956), and *The Unsung* (1970). In 1950 his company became the first major U. S. modern dance group to perform in Europe. The dance company also traveled to South America, and then toured around the world. The José Limón Dance Foundation is still active and keeps the name of the person who started it.