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Some of them dance, some of them get you dancing. Some rock the crowd; others shock the audience. They steal shows and steal bases. You might not be familiar with these 25 New Yorkers yet, but considering the breakout year they're about to have, they won't be strangers for long.



Maria Hassabi, 32 | Maria Hassabi's *Still Smoking*, opening in April at the Kitchen, is partly inspired by the notion of baroque; along with using six dancers and costumes by the fashion collective ThreeAsFour, the choreographer has designed an extravagant set. "I won't know if we're going to pull it off until we're in the theater," Hassabi says. And while she literally still smokes, the work's title, originally just a joke, contains a message for critics of the dance scene: "This art form is supposedly not taking us anywhere," she says, "but we're still doing it." —*Gia Kourlas*

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