

# How Goldman Sachs led one man to breakdancing glory

HARRIET GREEN



B-boy Silverback.

That's the breaking name of Steve Graham – a 55-year old private equity exec who learnt his dancing skills while an analyst Goldman Sachs in the early 1980s.

Graham, who runs Philadelphia-based Graham Partners, was originally known as "Vanilla Shake", in days that preceded the advent of Vanilla Ice, reports Business Insider.

Από το άρθρο: Η Goldman Sachs οδήγησε τον Steve Graham στο breakdancing. Ο Graham έγινε διάσημος ως "Vanilla Shake" πριν από την άνοδο του Vanilla Ice.

Speaking to Business Insider, he said:

When you work at Goldman so late you can take a cab anywhere, so I literally took it to the South Bronx and trained at this place with guys who were sort of famous breakers back in the day. I learned some moves from them.

Then he started breakdancing during lunch at Goldman.

Once he'd got enough moves under his belt, Graham began challenging "street hitters"—people who break for money on the sidewalk—to breaking battles.

This led to him being included in their act.

He'd wear a tie, glasses and carry a calculator (as one might expect of a Goldman employee). Then one of the hitters would pull him from the crowd by his tie.

He'd rid himself of props and join in.



When he'd finished at Goldman, Graham's breaking opportunities became fewer and farther between.

But a couple of years ago he picked up his talent again after enrolling his two young sons with breaking coaches.

Now, fully immersed back in the breakdancing scene – in Philadelphia, New York and Chicago – Graham has added breaking to what he teaches his summer interns. They even enter competitions.

He's also recently started the non-profit Urban Dance & Education Foundation, which intends to support young breakers and help with teaching people. It now has over 50,000 likes on Facebook.

SHARE THIS ARTICLE



## Sections

NEWS

## Categories

CITY A.M. CONTENT

## Related Topics

NULL

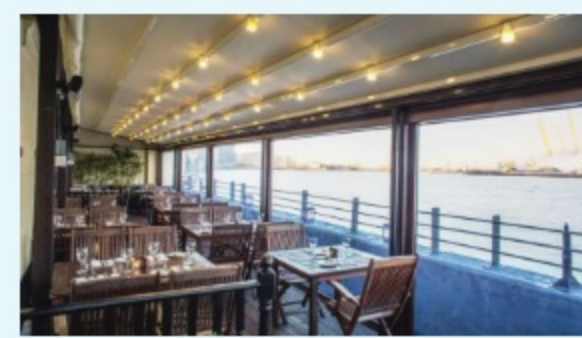
## More from City A.M.



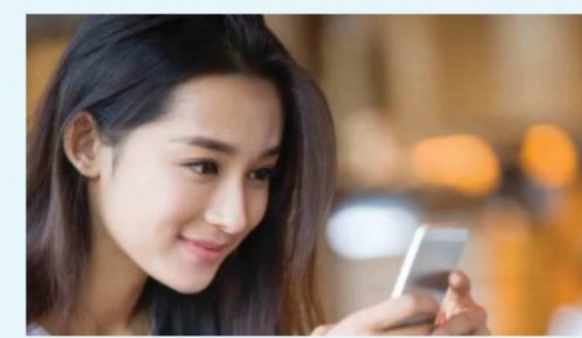
Save money on your overseas transfers and payments



Smartphones are making paying for the things we want even easier



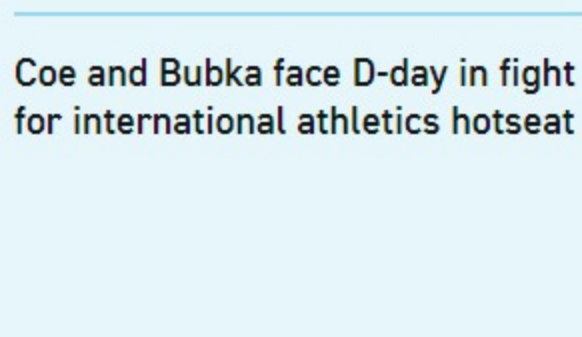
Enjoy your cider with a view at The Gun in London Docklands



Innovation means the newest smartphones are changing the way people work and play



Discover a local bar with more at The Coach Makers Of Marylebone



Coe and Bubka face D-day in fight for international athletics hotseat



Join the house party at the decadent Dolls House in Islington

## SUBSCRIBE

Subscribe to the City A.M. newsletter to have our top stories delivered directly to your inbox.

SUBSCRIBE

By signing up to our newsletters you agree to the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Policy

## Trending Articles

- 1 Six high-street banks including Santander, Barclays, HSBC, NatWest and Lloyds given 'red' warning over eco policies
- 2 Aviva share price soars as takeover speculation swirls
- 3 London house prices slump again as high interest rates pile pain on mortgage holders
- 4 BAT, Imperial Brands shares slide after Sunak reveals smoking crackdown

ABOUT US

ADVERTISING

CONTACT

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PRIVACY POLICY

NEWS

MARKETS & ECONOMICS

OPINION

JOBS AND MONEY

LIFE & STYLE

CRYPTO A.M.

THE PUNTER

COP 26

AWARDS 2023

FOLLOW US FOR BREAKING NEWS AND LATEST UPDATES

