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**Summer
Newsletter**

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Summer News 2026

LINCOLN THEATRE BALLROOM, COLUMBUS, OHIO
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News from
Jane D'Angelo Executive Director
Dear Dance Community,



Save the Date

October 8, 2026, 6:00pm-9:00pm
Celebrating 50 years of OhioDance

Humantix Event Link

<https://events.humantix.com/ohiodance-50th-anniversary-gala>



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Established in 1976 **OhioDance** is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2026 - these awards celebrate individuals and organizations whose dedication has advanced and enriched Ohio's dance community.

Attendance at the **OhioDance** 50th Anniversary event, Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 6pm-9pm at the Lincoln Theatre Ballroom, Columbus OH, will be required to receive the award.

Awards announced at event. <https://forms.gle/TzA3YGSTZWdCcApq8>

[OhioDance Champion Awards PDF](#)



June 3, 2026 from 11:00am-12:00pm – Join the Quarterly Virtual OhioDance Membership Meeting- Hear from Mari Davies the Director of Institutional Giving, Toledo Center for Live Arts, OhioDance Board member.

Join us for an exciting discussion as Mari Davies shares the story behind Toledo Center for Live Arts' stunning new facility — and the vibrant ways it's being brought to life by Live Arts Toledo and the greater community.

Then learn about the inspiring new dance company Artistic Director, Eric Otto is building at Toledo Ballet, plus how Toledo Ballet is opening its doors to the community through Dance Exploration — a program designed for adults 50 and beyond. This is a conversation you won't want to miss.

<https://events.humanitix.com/ohiodance-membership-meeting-hear-from-mari-davies-the-director-of-institutional-giving-toledo-center-for-live-arts-ohiodance-board-member>



2026 OhioDance Board Recruitment (click below)

<https://forms.gle/r85WHgRJ7Q69yhFY9>

OhioDance Virtual Dance Collection - New Exhibits Live

click links below

Lynn Dally, Columbus

Mansee Singhi, Columbus

See OhioDance Annual Reports

OhioDance Gives Thanks

[Donate directly to OhioDance](#) or Visit The [Columbus Foundation's the Giving Store](#) to make your donations online!

Support OhioDance by shopping at [Kroger Community Rewards-Ohio Dance #87132](#)

OhioDance receives support from the Ohio Arts Council, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Kettering Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Midwest Gig Fund, America 250 Ohio, Columbus Foundation, and Akron Community Fund.

[If you are not a member take a minute to become one click here](#)





"25 to Watch"

Including Sumi Ichikawa
Dancer, BalletMet

https://dancemagazine.com/2026-25-to-watch/?mc_cid=47748e3da6#gsc.tab=0



The Future of Museums Is a Dance Floor The rave offers a temporary homeland, a space where belonging is felt rather than declared. | Naz Cuguoğlu



Cincinnati - [Culturalcentreofindia | Facebook](#)



Cleveland, OH

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Cleveland - June 13, 2026

Dancing Wheels Company & School presents "Ladies of the '80's"

Playhouse Square's Mimi Ohio Theatre in Cleveland, OH

Celebrate 45 years of innovation at The Dancing Wheels Company & School's Gala Benefit Performance, an unforgettable evening of dance and music. The program features choreography by renowned artist Dianne McIntyre, alongside works by Annette Ellis and Angelina DiFranco. Set to iconic songs by female artists of the 1980s, the performance captures the bold energy and spirit of the era. Audiences will experience the artistry of the Dancing Wheels Company, joined by performers from the School of Dancing Wheels, in a powerful tribute to legacy and creativity.

Schedule of Events:

VIP Pre-Party | 6:30 PM

Step into an '80s-inspired club atmosphere at BIN 216, where guests will enjoy specialty cocktails and a bountiful selection of hors d'oeuvres. Browse a unique silent auction and enjoy engaging activities in the iconic Playhouse Square lobby.

Premiere Performance | 8:00 PM

VIP guests will be escorted to their Dress Circle seating for the world premiere of Ladies of the '80s!, featuring amazing choreography to the iconic sounds of women from the '80s.

Champagne Dessert Reception

Following the performance, celebrate with artists and fellow supporters at a festive post-show reception.

Ticket Types: VIP tickets are \$150 per person and can be purchased online at <https://dancingwheels.org/event/ladies-of-the-80s/>

Tickets are \$35 per person for groups of 10 or more: <https://dancingwheels.org/event/ladies-of-the-80s/>

General admission tickets are \$50 per person: https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/online/default.asp?doWork::WScontent::loadArticle=Load&BQparam::WScontent::loadArticle::article_id=32A55672-2F5E-4400-9F61-4785B918F8E1



Akron - June 20, 2026

MooreDunson Co.

The Remember Balloons Live!

The Remember Balloons Live, created by Dominic Moore-Dunson, takes place June 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM at E.J. Thomas Hall. This 90-minute, family-friendly performance blends live music, dance, and storytelling to explore memory, love, and Alzheimer's, offering a joyful and moving experience for audiences of all ages.

<https://therememberballoonslive.com/> info@rememberballoonslive.com

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The performance features a cast of dancers and musicians who guide audiences through a visually rich and emotionally resonant journey, using movement, sound, and projected media to represent how memories are formed, shared, and sometimes lost. With moments of joy, humor, and reflection, the show creates space for families to engage with one another before, during, and after the performance.

In addition to the performance itself, the event is designed as a broader experience, often including interactive elements that invite audiences to reflect on their own family stories.

"The Remember Balloons Live" is part of a larger community-centered initiative that includes storytelling workshops, educational programming for young people, and opportunities for families to preserve their own histories.

Whether attending as a family, educator, or community member, audiences can expect a heartfelt and imaginative experience that celebrates the power of memory and storytelling to bring people closer together.



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Tickets and Registration

Free workshop registration opens June 7 at:

<https://www.newvisiondanceco.org/new-albany-dance-festival.html>

Performance tickets go on sale June 7 at 10:00 AM via CAPA:

<https://www.capa.com>



Columbus - BalletMet Announces their 26/27 Season:

<https://www.balletmet.org/announcing-the-2026-27-balletmet-season/>

Each show in BalletMet's upcoming season explores the icons of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. From the stories that we think we know to the ones that haven't been told yet, we will experience them together.

50% OFF tickets to BalletMet's *The Nutcracker* for Christmas in July:

<https://www.balletmet.org/performances/the-nutcracker/>

December 10 – 27, 2026

The Ohio Theatre

50% off your favorite holiday tradition is back when you use code 'MOUSE50' to purchase your tickets to *The Nutcracker* between July 1-31. Don't wait for full price. Save on the magic today!

THE NUTCRACKER

OHIO THEATRE
DECEMBER 10–27, 2026



CHRISTMAS IN JULY
JULY 1–31, 2026

USE CODE 'MOUSE50'
FOR 50% OFF TICKETS!



Cleveland - Announcing DANCECleveland's 2026-2027 Performance Series

Celebrating Seven Decades of Dance

In our 70th anniversary season, we honor our founder, Lillian Weisberg, with a series of four extraordinary dance performances that reflect the qualities she embodied throughout her life: creativity, passion, tenderness, vigor, energy, humor, and curiosity.

[Subscriptions](#) | [DANCECleveland](#) | [Modern and Contemporary Dance in Cleveland, OH](#)

The Cincinnati Ballet's 2026–2027 season extends into early 2027, featuring major productions including Romeo and Juliet, Director's Vision, and a family-friendly rendition of Hansel and Gretel. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]

The remaining Aronoff Center and Music Hall performances for the season include:

- Romeo and Juliet: February 12–20, 2027 (Music Hall)
- Featuring Edwaard Liang's choreography and live music from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.
- Director's Vision: Two Voices: April 2–4, 2027 (Aronoff Center)
- A double bill featuring acclaimed South African choreographer Mthuzuzeli November and George Balanchine's Square Dance.
- The Family Series: Hansel and Gretel: April 9–11, 2027 (Aronoff Center)
- A one-hour, accessible adaptation of the classic fairy tale featuring the Second Company (CB2) and the Cincinnati Otto M. Budig Academy. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]
- Single tickets are available for purchase via the [Cincinnati Ballet Single Tickets](#) portal, with additional subscription packages detailed on the [Cincinnati Ballet Subscription Packages](#) page.



DAY ONE
FRIDAY, JUNE 12 — THE OPENING THREAD: RHYTHM, EXPRESSION & COMMUNITY
 Step into the fiber of Sacred Threads, where we connect, and ignite the energy of the festival.

5:00 PM — Opening Libation + Artist Meet & Greet + Community Dinner
 7:00-8:30 PM — Sabar Drum Workshop — Magette Sow
 7:00-8:30 PM — Vogue Femme Workshop — Omarl Willes
 9:00 PM-12:00 AM — **Vogon Ball: Night of Expression** — The Floor is calling! Runway, Face, Energy, Presence. Welcome to the Vogon Ball where you don't just walk...you arrive. Featuring Special Guest Artists, Judges, Live Performance and Cocktails. 9:00 PM

DAY TWO
SATURDAY, JUNE 13 — THE WOVEN THREAD: RHYTHM, EXCHANGE & COMMUNITY
 Step into the heart of Sacred Threads, where traditions, movement, and culture are woven together.

WORKSHOPS
 9:00-10:00 AM — Youth West African Dance (FREE)
 10:00-11:30 AM — Sabar Dance Awa Pikine
 10:00-11:30 AM — Afro-Cuban Drum Jaime Aracello Oila Ramos
 11:45 AM-1:15 PM — Malian Dance Souleymane "Sob" Sana
 1:30-2:00 PM — House Africana Khatijah Ziferaah
 3:15-4:45 PM — Liberian Dance Ibrahim Dioof
 5:00-6:30 PM — Guinea Dance Oumar N'Diaye

SACRED THREADS: NIGHT OF UNITY — AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE
 Cleveland Public Theatre 6415 Detroit Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44102
 Doors 7:30PM | Begins 8:00PM
 This immersive gathering brings the threads of the diaspora together through dance, food, live-music and community connection. This is not a performance—it is a shared space of collective energy where each participant becomes part of the web. \$25 (Advance) | \$30 (At the Door)

DAY THREE
SUNDAY, JUNE 14 — THE FINAL THREAD: SACRED RENEWAL
 Close the Sacred Thread in restoration, reflection, and embodied communal connection.

WORKSHOPS
 9:00-10:00 AM — Kemeti Yoga Warm-Up with Live Music (FREE) — Dee McCall
 10:00-11:30 AM — Liberian Dance Ibrahim Dioof
 11:45 AM-1:15 PM — Afro-Cuban Dance Yusef Deyvis
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CLOSING RITUAL
 The Final Weave — A closing circle to honor the journey, the connections made, and the threads we carry forward—grounded in reflection, gratitude, and collective spirit.

FEATURED MUSICIANS
 Yunusleyvis Ramos - Darian La Foucade - Cheikh Ndiang - Fede Camara
 Jaime Aracello Oila Ramos - Ibrahim Ndiaye - Magette Sow - Weede Braimah
 Shamba Muhammad - Adama Tall - Altha Rorie - Madou Dioof - Members of Les Mueqtas de Maracanz - Members of Djapo Cultural Arts Institute

FESTIVAL PRICING
 Single Workshops - \$15 advance | \$20 at the door
 5 Workshop Card - \$70 advance | \$85 at the door
 10 Workshop Card - \$150 in advance | \$180 at the door
 All-Access VIP - \$350 All Workshops + Festival T-Shirt + Night of Unity + Program Acknowledgment + All Night of Unity VIP Perks + Reserved Reception Area

For more information, visit www.djapo.com

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Athens - Ohio University Summer Dance Intensive 2026, Athens

Senior Intensive (high school): June 15-27

Junior Intensive (entering grades 7-9): June 15-20

The Ohio University Summer Dance Intensive is pre-professional, rigorous, non-competitive, and community-oriented. It offers a space to develop creative problem-solving, embodied practices, and dance technique through daily classes with OHIO dance faculty. Registration deadline June 1, 2026.

<https://www.ohio.edu/fine-arts/summer-arts-programs/high-school/summer-dance-institute>



June 30 – August 4, 2026

Join BalletMet's Dance, Turn, Leap, Learn Summer Series at the MAC!

<https://www.balletmet.org/academy/summer-programs-and-intensive/>

McConnell Art Center

This Summer class series will introduce your child to dance and teach confidence, coordination, and more! Classes designed for ages 3-young 4 and ages 4-5.



Cleveland - Dancing Wheels Teacher Certification Program July 6–11, 2026

Inclusive dance meets accessible instruction with the Dancing Wheels Teacher Certification program. Learn how to physically integrate your dance class, no matter what style or level you teach. Join the teacher certification program at our studios in Cleveland, Ohio, happening July 6–10, 2026! Tuition is \$1,250. Scholarships are available. In this program, participants will learn how to apply the fundamental principles of Dancing Wheels' innovative methodologies to incorporate physically integrated techniques into their dance practices. Level 1 participants are assessed on established learning outcomes. Certification is for three years and requires recertification at three-year intervals.

For more information or to register, visit:

<https://dancingwheels.org/professional-training/teacher-certification/level-1-certification/>

Dunham Teacher Certification Workshop Held at Ohio State Department of Dance, 1813 N. High St. Columbus OH

In-Person: July 12 – 18

The Dunham Teacher Certification Workshop is designed for dance teachers/educators who wish to become certified Dunham Technique teachers. The curriculum covers technique, pedagogy, history and theory. This artist/scholar program is an exciting and rigorous process. Dancers engage in a yearly hybrid process which includes 5 months of online classes and a week-long in-person workshop in the summer, followed by our one week Dunham Technique Intensive. For those on the certification path, the Intensive is a crucial opportunity toward embodiment of the technique. For this reason, we encourage those attending the Certification Workshop to also attend the Intensive. The program usually requires 3 to 4 years to complete all course work and an additional 1-2 years to fully develop the culminating portfolio and the teaching practicum.

Congratulations to those of you who are part of this year's cohorts!

For more information on how to embark on this lifelong adventure, check out our website.

[2026 Dunham Technique Conference — Institute for Dunham Technique Certification](https://www.dunhamcertification.org/2026-dunham-technique-conference)



Dunham Foundations

Held at Ohio State Department of Dance, 1813 N. High St. Columbus OH

In-Person: July 13 - July 18

This year, for the second time, we will offer a new program called Dunham Foundations, to be held the week prior to the Intensive, July 13-18, 2026. This programming is intended for dancers who are interested in certification, including those who are applying for 2027 and those who wish to apply in the future. Places are limited, so early registration is advised.

This week of Dunham Technique classes, along with a few folkloric classes and some lectures, will help those applying for certification ready themselves for the Intensive and the audition. We recognize that it is hard to find Dunham training and we offer Dunham Foundations to address this. Dunham Foundations is optional but highly recommended for applicants.

[2026 Dunham Technique Conference — Institute for Dunham Technique Certification](#)

Dunham Technique Intensive

Early Bird Registration Through April 17, 2026

Held at Ohio State Department of Dance, 1813 N. High St. Columbus OH

In-Person: July 20 - July 24

Open to the Public

The Dunham Technique Intensive is a 5-day Dunham Technique immersion experience. Dunham based classes will be offered each day – including 3 levels of Dunham Technique and 2 levels of Dunham based Haitian, West African, Jazz, Modern and more! It is open to the public and does not require previous Dunham training. It is ideal for seasoned Dunham dancers, experienced dancers who want an introduction to Dunham Technique, and beginner dancers. All classes will be taught by certified Dunham teachers.

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Columbus – August 1, 2026

Tapestry Performing Arts Company

Join us for our 15th year celebration 2026/2027 Season
Evolve Productions Incorporated

Festival of Movement "BREATHE"

Step into BREATHE—a vibrant "Festival of Movement" where lyrical and liturgical expression ignite the space.

Experience dynamic movement, powerful storytelling, and a spirit of freedom as artists unite to inspire, uplift, and transform through creativity and connections Professionals from across Ohio.

XCLAIM Dance Studio, Columbus, Ohio 9:00am -5:00pm

Info: Evolveproductions10@gmail.com

<https://www.evolveproductionsincorporated.com/>

Cleveland - Dancing Wheels 2026 Summer Dance Workshop August 3–7, 2026

Dancing Wheels' Summer Dance Workshop—a one-week program for dancers and movers ages 13 through adult—returns. Led by Dancing Wheels Director of Education Sara Lawrence-Sucato, participants of all abilities come together for physically integrated dance technique classes in ballet and modern, improvisation/composition classes, and non-traditional partnering. A new work will be developed and performed for the culminating in-studio performance on August 7, 2026, at 2:00 PM. Dancers can participate in-person or online.

Location

The Dancing Wheels Company & School Studios |
Midtown Cleveland
3030 Euclid Ave, Suite 100, Cleveland, OH 44115

Tuition

\$300 per participant
 \$275 if paid in full before July 1, 2026
 \$50.00 non-refundable deposit holds place in DW SDW if received by July 13, 2026
 \$15.00 Drop-in class
 Scholarships Available

Schedule

10:00 Technique Class
 11:30 Lunch
 12:00 Improvisation/Composition
 1:30 New Work Development

CULMINATING PERFORMANCE

Friday, August 7, 2:00–3:00 PM

FREE and open to all!

<https://dancingwheels.org/professional-training/>
<https://dancingwheels.org/summer-dance-workshop-2026-registration/>





DANCE CLASSES
For all ages and abilities.

Spring 2026 Session
March 10–June 13, 2026

REGISTRATION OPEN

SIGN UP NOW

<https://dancingwheels.org/community-education/classes/>



Now through June 13, Ongoing classes at the School of Dancing Wheels

At our fully accessible studios in Midtown Cleveland, the School of Dancing Wheels is a multi-arts school that offers classes throughout the week from September through June for individuals of all abilities, ages 3 to adult. The School of Dancing Wheels offers our community-level, physically integrated dance classes in-studio and online. Classes include Contemporary, Capoeira, Combo Class, Jazz Funk, Hip-Hop, Ballet/Wheelchair Technique, and Performance Ensemble.

For more information, go online, email school@dancingwheels.org, or call 216-432-0306. To register, visit <https://dancingwheels.org/community-education/classes/>.



Cincinnati, OH

Cultural center of India

[Dances of India Classes: Summer Quarter: June 7th - August 16th, 2026](#)

9462 Hopewell Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45249-3618

[Email](#)

Phone: 513-227-9612

[Website](#)

Inlet Dance Theatre

The Estuary at the Pivot Center for Art, Dance & Expression
2937 W. 25th St., Cleveland, OH 44113

[Email Inlet \(Info\)](#) or [Email Inlet \(Rentals\)](#)

(216) 386-1547 (text or call)

3,375 sq feet of convertible space suitable for studio or event rental. High ceilings, natural light, restrooms, kitchenette, lounge, sound system, mirrors

Type of flooring: sprung, Marley

Studio 1: 39' X 40'

Studio 2: 39' X 32'

Studio 1 & 2 combined: 39' X 72'

Capacity: approximately 150

Xclaim Centre for the Arts

SoHud / Campus Location Studio Rentals. Three studios available with natural light and ventilation, sprung Marley flooring, mounted barres, bluetooth equipped speaker sound system, ample parking, coffee shop downstairs. [Email to inquire about rates and availability.](#)

Plain City - U WILL DANCE STUDIO

Griset Damas-Roche

133 N Chillicothe St, Plain City, OH

Phone: 614-327-6441

[Website](#)

[Email](#)

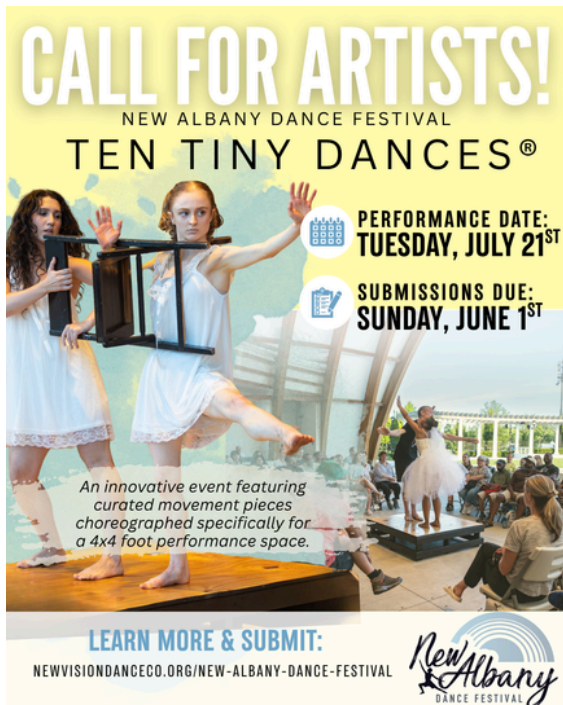


Toledo - SEEKING MALE DANCER Toledo Ballet is currently seeking a male dancer for the 2026/2027 season. Company contract is 40 weeks full-time paid position.

To learn more, please visit

[liveartstoledo.com/company-dancer!](https://liveartstoledo.com/company-dancer/)

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18ntZhvdwo/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



Call for Artists - Ten Tiny Dances® Please email us at newvisiondanceco@gmail.com

Please send: A short description of the piece, 1 minute video sample of choreography, photo and bio for social media. Pieces can't be longer than 4 minutes and have to take place within a 4x4 foot confined space.

History of TTD: Ten Tiny Dances® is an innovative event featuring movement pieces choreographed specifically for a 4x4 foot performance space. New Vision Dance Co. is thrilled to produce Ten Tiny Dances® at the fifth annual New Albany Dance Festival. Ten Tiny Dances® was created in Portland, Oregon in 2002 and continues to be produced by founder Mike Barber and others, with permission. **Please see www.tentinydances.org for more information.**

CALL FOR ARTISTS

InPulse Dance Co. is looking for artists to be part of our 2026 Home Show:

PULSE EXPRESSION Vol. 1

October 10, 2026

Columbus Performing Arts Center

We are bringing together multiple art forms for one powerful night of expression — and we want YOU on stage.

We are looking for:

Dance

Live Music (Singers/Musicians)

Comedy

Theatre

Spoken Word

This is your chance to share your voice, your story, and your artistry with a live audience.

Submission Fee: \$30

<https://www.zeffy.com/.../call-for-artists-pulse...>

Application: <https://forms.gle/3vEXd9grwyhv9jxP9>

Deadline to Apply: June 30, 2026

Artists notified by: End of July 2026

Must submit a Submission Materials.



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[OhioDance Champion Awards PDF](#)

Leadership Exchange
in Arts & Disability
2026 Conference

August 11-14, 2026

Leadership Exchange in Arts & Disability Conference (LEAD)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Marriott Philadelphia Downtown

[Personal Information - 2026 Leadership Exchange in Arts and Disability \(LEAD\).](#)



Thursday, September 24 - Sunday, September 27, 2026

National Dance Education Organization (NDEO)

Pre-conference intensives Thursday, September 24

Albuquerque Convention Center | Albuquerque, NM

Member and Non-Member Rates Available

Early Bird Registration Deadline: June 1, 2026

[Dance Teacher Conference 2026](#)

In this book, former members of the Merce Cunningham Dance Company detail the technique classes, rehearsal procedures, and compositional approaches that defined Cunningham's New York studio, inspiring today's dancers and choreographers with Cunningham's creative process.

Revealing Merce Cunningham's creative processes as inspiration for today's dancers and choreographers

In this book, former members of the Merce Cunningham Dance Company detail the technique classes, rehearsal procedures, and compositional approaches that defined Cunningham's New York studio for more than sixty years. Through firsthand accounts supported by interviews and secondary sources, the authors reveal Cunningham's creative process—how simple movement phrases introduced in class evolved into the intricate and striking dances that became his signature.

The Artistry of Merce Cunningham also offers creative prompts inspired by themes and motifs from Cunningham's repertory, designed to spark ideas for choreographers and performance artists. It highlights how steady daily practice, curiosity, and experimentation can transform raw movement into complex works of art. By documenting Cunningham's methods, Daniel Roberts and Karen Eliot provide inspiration for today's dancers and choreographers as they navigate the materials, technologies, and artistic challenges of the twenty-first century.

Co-author of The Artistry of Merce Cunningham: Choreography, Technique, Creativity

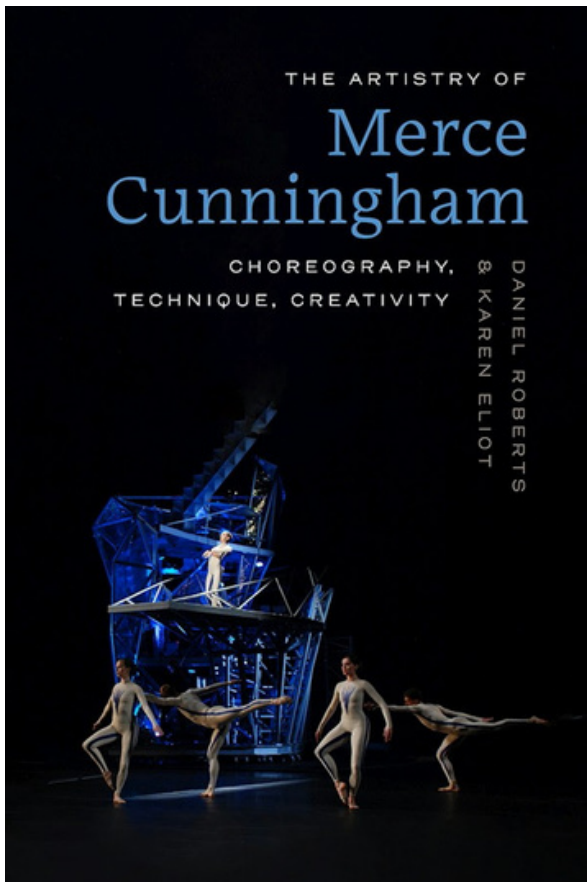
Available for pre-order at University Press of Florida:
<https://floridapress.org/9780813081571/the-artistry-of-merce-cunningham/>

Are we Ok? Performance website:

<https://www.awokperformance.com/>

OSU biography:

<https://dance.osu.edu/people/roberts.338>



The **Certificate in Dance Education** supports all dance teachers working in diverse teaching environments, enhances credentials, and attests to a well-rounded training experience, all of which inevitably benefit the students of a dance teacher who earns a Certificate in Dance Education. You can earn your Certificate in Dance Education (CiDE) by successfully completing 33 Professional Development Credits (PDCs) of NDEO's Online Professional Development Institute (OPDI) Courses.

[Certificate in Dance Education](#)

ohiodance.org



OhioDance offers Summit Academy Akron Secondary School in Akron an opportunity to work with with internationally renowned B-boy and DJ Forrest (Webb) GetemGump.

<https://summitacademies.org/blog/2025/10/28/ohio-dance-brings-legendary-break-dancer-to-summit-academy-secondary-school-akron/>

[New Family Fund Bolsters the Field of Physically Integrated Dance in Ohio](#)
(Click here for Attachment)



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Membership Opportunities

All OhioDance members receive:

- Representation through partnerships
- OhioDance Festival and other discounts
- Featured in OhioDance Social Media
- Online inclusion in Membership Directory and Resources
- Fiscal agent services; Professional development opportunities
- State Policy Representation – active arts advocacy

Membership Levels	1 year	2 years
Student \$25		\$40
Individual \$45		\$80
Household \$60		\$100
Single Proprietor Business (i.e. chiropractor, costume designer) \$75		\$140

The following receive all membership benefits at the donation level
Additional benefit of name listed in all programs:

Donation Levels	1 year
Supporter \$80	
Sponsor \$150	
Donor \$250	
Benefactor \$500	
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