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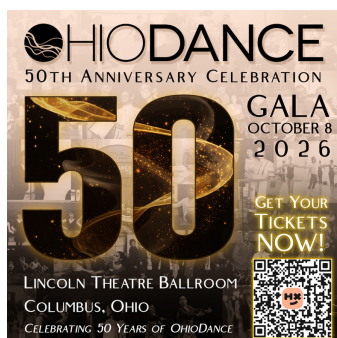
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OhioDance 50th Anniversary Gala**Deadline to purchase seats and tables is September 8, 2026**

Join OhioDance in a landmark celebration of dance, community, and American history.

OhioDance proudly celebrates 50 years of securing the foothold of dance in Ohio through increasing visibility, firming viability, and elevating the position of dance in Ohio.

For five decades, OhioDance has enhanced the quality of life for all Ohioans through inclusive cultural and arts programming that prioritizes accessibility, education, and community engagement—from urban centers to rural communities.

Our Goal: Raise \$50,000 for 50 Years

We invite you to help us sustain the dance community for the next 50 years by supporting our work to uplift artists, provide critical resources, performance opportunities, professional development, and preserve our history through the OhioDance Virtual Dance Collection®.

October 8, 2026

Lincoln Theatre Ballroom

769 E. Long Street, Columbus, OH 43203

Evening Itinerary

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM: Check-in, Cocktails & Opening Featured Performance

6:30 PM: Dinner

7:00 PM: Keynote Speakers, Featured Performance & Dance Champion Awards

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Featured Performance & DJ-Led Guest Dancing

Parking information:

All parking is free for the Lincoln Theatre, 55 East State Street, Columbus, OH 43215.

A parking lot is available across the street from the Lincoln Theatre in the LONG/N.

GARFIELD LOT

Free street parking is available on N. Garfield Ave., Hamilton Ave., and E. Long St. (on the bridge and until N. 17th St.).

Parking is available at the BROAD ST. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Use Garfield Ave. entrance, 760 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205

Sponsorship & Ticket Opportunities

- **Title Sponsors:** Premier recognition, VIP seating, and special acknowledgment.
- **Table Sponsors** (8 seats per table): Celebrate with your team or community at a reserved table.
- **Individual Tickets:** Join the celebration of a lifetime.
- **Additional Donation:** Any amount brings us closer to our \$50,000 goal!

Every contribution — at any level — helps OhioDance continue its work of making dance accessible, sustainable, and celebrated across Ohio for the next 50 years.

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2026 OhioDance Festival
Mayim

Inlet Dance Theatre
Choreographer: Bill Wade
Photographer: Jess Cavender



OhioDance welcomes three new Board Members:

- Emily Bass-Glinski, director, choreographer, and performance artist, faculty in the Department of Theatre and Dance at Otterbein University, Columbus;
- Yidi Lin, dance artist, choreographer, and educator, Associate Professor of Dance at CWRU, Cleveland;
- Samara Tillman, dance educator, performer, studio owner, Columbus

Community Space Committee OhioDance Community Spaces Resource Guide

OhioDance supports Access for all.

OhioDance is committed to its mission, and to support healthy organizational environments. We prioritize creating respectful, welcoming spaces to encourage full participation.

Our efforts aim to be intentional, positive, and statewide in reach.



OhioDance Virtual Dance Collection

2026 Marlene Leber and Kathryn Karipides will be highlighted

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](#)



2026 OhioDance Festival
Mayim

**Season Four, Episode One:*****Season 4 Episode 1 · A State of Dance***

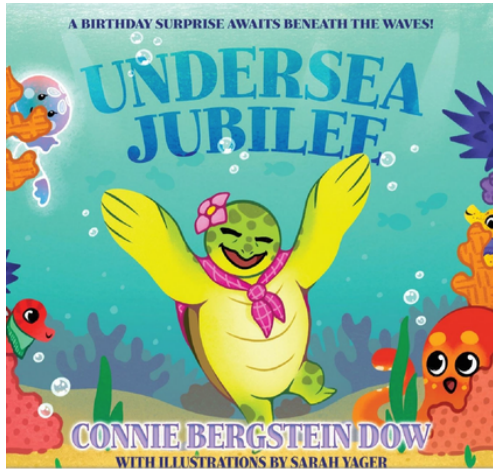
Episode 1 – Dancing Diasporas: Tracing Migration Through Movement with Dr. Hannah Kosstrin

**Season Four, Episode Two:*****Season 4 Episode 2 · A State of Dance***

Episode 2 – Lineage, Leadership, and the Future of Black Dance with Kevin Ward

**Season Four, Episode Three:*****Season 4 Episode 3 · A State of Dance***

Episode 3 – Urban Midwest Storytelling with Dominic Moore Dunson

**Cincinnati**

Tansy the sea turtle is 100! Will her friends remember her special birthday? With vibrant illustrations by Sarah Yager, and a humorous, heartwarming tale of friendship, *Undersea Jubilee* celebrates kindness and community through music and dance. Includes information about sea turtles, and the endangered status of these amazing creatures. **Link to order:**

<https://youngdragonspress.com/?s=UNDERSEA+JUBILEE>



BUY TICKETS HERE:



TICKETS: \$20

Use code
river73
for \$15 OFF
tickets

Chasing the Light: Artists Speak ON STAGE!

Friday, October 2, 2026 | 7 pm

Knowing that the arts play an essential role in examining the issues of our time, acting as a catalyst for encouraging thoughtful dialogue and prompting change as a pathway to equity, we invite you to experience – for one night only – a gathering of exceptional Columbus-based artists in dance, music, fiber and visual arts.

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We are deeply grateful to PNC Bank for their generous support through the PNC Arts Alive grant, making meaningful arts experiences possible at the McConnell Arts Center.



Worthington - Chasing the Light: Artists Speak, a group exhibition curated by Dr. Loren Bucek is on view from September 24 through November 12, 2026 at the McConnell Arts Center at 777 Evening Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

Chasing the Light: Artists Speak is a theme-based, intergenerational exhibition that **WELCOMES** a spirited resilience with hope, kindness and an activist mindset founded in a love of community, **SERVES** as a metaphor for humanity, nature, or things bigger than us, may be chased, reflected, refracted, absorbed, bent — even transcended, **EMERGES** at a moment when we need the Arts to do what the Arts do best — Bring people together in person to experience **COMMUNITY**, **ENCOURAGES** thoughtful dialogue, **INSPIRES** change as a pathway to a more just world without guile or polarization, **OFFERS** a place to gather and experience the world differently, **INVITES** attendees to pause, think about, question, [re]imagine a world of infinite possibility — One with less hate, more empathy and a shared commitment to care for one another and the planet.

Participating artists include: Linda Bauer, Queen Brooks, Richard Duarte Brown, Celia Bucek, Loren Bucek, Jackie Calderone, Todd Camp, Ann Capacci, Dave Covey, Glenn Doell, Antonio Gonzalez Garcia, Janet George, Larry Hamill, Ricarrdo Hunter-Valentine, Lance Johnson, Carol Kane, Celeste Malvar-Stewart, Susann Moeller, Eric Murphy, Ryan Orewiler, Gaye Reissland, Laralyn Sasaki, Erin M. Smith Glenn, Hilary Soroosh, April Sunami, Teresa Weidenbusch. The public is welcomed to an opening reception Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 6 - 8 p.m. Music will be provided by **The Jake Reed Trio**. This event is free and open to the public.

Chasing the Light: Artists Speak ON STAGE! will take place Friday, October 2, 2026, at 7 pm: The public is invited to experience a gathering of exceptional Columbus-based artists in dance, music, fiber and visual arts as they do what artists do best – imagine, create, act upon, make sense of and possibly bring about change. Art, dance, music and poetry are embodied metaphorically as “light” and symbolized as humanity, nature, and things bigger than all of us.

The performance presents new choreography and music from Ricarrdo Hunter-Valentine and Orlando Hunter-Valentine, (Brother(hood) Dance!); Sarah Hixon (Hixon Dance Company) and composer, Jacob Reed; Russell Lepley (Flux & Flow); independent choreographer and poet, Brianna Rhodes, and flutist, Jason Moncrief; Jaime Kotrba and Seth Wilson (Columbus Dance Theatre), Chloe Napoletano (Perennial Movement Group). Fiber artist, Celeste Malvar-Stewart, and visual artist, Lance Johnson collaborate with these choreographers on costume design and live painting as dancers perform solos, duets, and small ensemble works.

For more information, visit www.mcconnellarts.org.



Members of Dayton Ballet in Brandon Ragland's staging of *Giselle*. Photo by Robert Valle, courtesy Dayton Ballet.

**[Interview with Steve Sucato published in Pointe Magazine+
Dayton August 10, 2026](#)**

Dayton Ballet, one of the oldest ballet companies in the U.S., is about to enter its 89th season. Shepherding the company since 2023 has been 41-year-old Brandon Ragland, in his first company leadership role. His vision for a diverse 21st-century ballet troupe has begun to take shape, with a mix of dancers and choreographers that are representative of today's multifaceted and multicultural society.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Ragland earned a BS in dance (arts administration) from Butler University and then danced professionally with Alabama Ballet and Louisville Ballet. As a choreographer, he has created works for Dayton Ballet, Louisville Ballet, Alabama Ballet, Ballet Arkansas, and others.

Bolstered by the success of last season's Rhythm of the City program—a unique collaboration between Dayton Ballet and Dayton Contemporary Dance Company that celebrated the city's funk music legacy—Ragland enters his fourth season excited for what the company will present to Dayton audiences, and for the possibilities that lie ahead.

Pointe caught up with Ragland at the 2026 OhioDance Festival to talk about his first three years, his goals and expectations, and the upcoming 2026–27 performance season. Full article with a subscription

[\(https://pointemagazine.com/brandon-ragland-solidifies-his-vision-at-dayton-ballet/\)](https://pointemagazine.com/brandon-ragland-solidifies-his-vision-at-dayton-ballet/)



Columbus SEPTEMBER 10 – 12

BalletMet

Future Icons: A BalletMet Choreographic Project

BalletMet is proud to present a new choreographic project dedicated to helping new voices create ambitious, thought-provoking, and timely ballets. Three choreographers, selected through a competitive international process, will travel to Columbus and create new works on BalletMet's extraordinary company of dancers. The result is an evening of visionary world premieres offering audiences an unfiltered look at where ballet is headed.



Ada September 12-13, 2026

The Pulse; SOLE Defined with the ONU Dance Company

The Pulse; SOLE Defined and ONU Dance. Rooted in the rich traditions of African Diasporic dance forms and transforming audiences from passive spectators into active participants, this immersive performance takes viewers on a dynamic, polyrhythmic journey, blending tap dance, body percussion, sand dance and audience engagement into a powerful, multilayered expression of rhythm and movement. Freed Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday, September 12 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 pm

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boxoffice@onu.edu



Lakewood September 12, 2026 – 7:00pm

Ohio Contemporary Ballet

Ballet at the Beck

Beck Center for the Arts

17801 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107

[3558 Lee Rd. Shaker Hts., OH 44120 | www.ocballet.org](https://www.ocballet.org)



[Cincinnati September 18 – 26](#)

[Cincinnati Ballet](#)

[Aronoff Center for the Arts](#)

The KAPLAN NEW WORKS Series

ballet x art

The Kaplan New Works Series is a curated collection of fresh, world-premiere works from some of dance's most sought-after choreographers. Staged in the intimate Jarson-Kaplan Theater at the Aronoff Center, the contemporary series is a perennial patron favorite.



Akron

Event: Dominic Moore-Dunson: *Black by Nature*

Location: Summit Metro Parks- Cascade Valley Metro Park, OH

Time: September 19, 2026, 1:00 pm | September 19, 2026, 4:00 pm | September 26, 2026, 1:00 pm | September 26, 2026, 4:00 pm

Price: Pay what you can!

Event URL: [Dominic Moore-Dunson: Black by Nature | DANCECleveland | Modern and Contemporary Dance in Cleveland, OH](#)

Ticket URL: [DANCECleveland - Black by Nature List](#)

Description: This event is offered on a "pay what you can" basis. Tickets are general admission but encouraged to be reserved in advanced.

Rooted in Moore-Dunson's exploration of healing and belonging in nature as a Black man, *Black by Nature* reimagines the relationship between identity and the outdoor world. The work creates space for reflection, freedom, and connection, guided by an original, jazz-influenced score performed live by an acoustic ensemble of guitar, saxophone, trumpet, upright bass, and hand percussion. As music drifts through the trees and trails, the landscape becomes a living soundscape where history, improvisation, modern dance, and place converge.

Join us for an immersive dance-theatre experience along the trails of Summit County Metro Parks in this world premiere commissioned by DANCECleveland. With two performance locations suited to different hiking levels, *Black by Nature* offers the opportunity for audiences of all abilities to experience this powerful journey:

- September 19: Advanced-level hike and performance
- September 26: Beginner-level hike and performance

Golf cart rides will be available by request during September 26 performances for those who need assistance on the trail. With options designed for different mobility levels, audiences of all abilities are welcome to experience this unforgettable journey.



Cincinnati Sat, Sept 19, 2026 from 1-3 PM

Cultural center of India interactive Bollywood Beat dances for National Dance Day at Fountain Square for Dance Flash Fusion. Open to public
Bollywood Beat - Dances of India - Music, dance, action, drama, glamor all comes together in Bollywood movies and dance numbers.. Create a magical moment for you with this spectacular showcase of artistic expression, energy and the beauty that will make you experience incredible Dances of India.

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PNC arts alive
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Friday, October 2, 2026 7:00pm

McConnell Arts Center

777 Evening Street

Worthington Ohio 43085

Tickets: \$20.00

www.mcconnellarts.org

Performance featuring:

Columbus Dance Theatre – Jaime, Kotrba, and Seth Wilson, choreographer

Brother(hood) Dance! – Orlando & Ricarrdo Hunter-Valentine, choreographers

Flux & Flow – Russell Lepley, choreographer

Hixon Dance Company – Alicia Hann, choreographer with Jacob Reed, composer

Perennial Movement Group – Chloe Napoletano, choreographer

Brianna Rhodes – Independent choreographer with flutist, Jason Moncreif

Dr. Loren Bucek, Artistic Director
Manager

Nico Larson, Stage



Columbus October 10, 2026

InPulse Dance Co. is proud to present PULSE EXPRESSION Vol. 1—

an unforgettable evening celebrating movement, artistry, and incredible local talent!

Join us as we bring a vibrant, diverse showcase of dancers and performers to the stage for one night only.

Where: Columbus Performing Arts Center

Address: 549 Franklin Ave, Columbus, OH 43215

When: October 10, 2026

Time: 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$20

Featuring Performances By:

Macy Perry, Catherine Cryan Erney | Perennial Movement Group, Kailey Fraer & Lily Staib, Renee Clippinger, Royal Rouge Circus, Movement Unscripted, Indian Classical Dance Collective, Ting-Yu Xie, Lauren Smith, Andrea De La Rosa, InPulse Dance Co.



Columbus OCTOBER 16 – 24

BalletMet

Marilyn

Step into the dazzling world of Hollywood's golden age with Marilyn, a brand-new ballet that celebrates the life and legacy of Marilyn Monroe. This spellbinding production weaves together the glitz and glamour of her stardom with the vulnerability and strength of the woman behind the icon. Featuring an original score by Shannon Rugani and stunning choreography from Dani Rowe, Marilyn takes audiences on an emotional journey through the highs and lows of life lived in the spotlight. This must-see performance pays tribute to one of the most enduring legends of the 20th century. This production is a collaboration between BalletMet, Tulsa Ballet and Oregon Ballet Theatre.

New Vision Dance Company: "Retrospective IV – Celebrating 20 years of dance"

This fall, New Vision Dance Company invites you to experience a celebration 20 years in the making! Our Fall Retrospective IV show honors two decades of artistry, passion, creativity, and unforgettable moments on the stage. This milestone is more than a look back—it's a celebration of where we've been, how far we've come, and the exciting future still ahead. Featuring favorite works, memorable moments, audience favorites and the incredible dancers who have helped shape our journey, this show is going to be bold, beautiful, nostalgic, and completely New Vision! Come celebrate 20 years of dance with us—you won't want to miss this spectacular trip down memory lane! Performances are October 17th at the McCoy Center for the Performing Arts, 2pm and 6:30pm. [Tickets are available at www.capa.com.](http://www.capa.com)



Shaker Heights October 24, 2026 – 7:30pm

Ohio Contemporary Ballet

ORMACO Performance

A Celebration of Filipino Music and Dance

Wadsworth High School

625 Broad St. Wadsworth, OH 44281

3558 Lee Rd. Shaker Hts., OH 44120 | www.ocballet.org



Dayton October 24 & 25, 2026

Dayton Ballet

A Midsummer Night's Dream & Force Flux

SAT, October 24 at 7:30pm & SUN, October 25 at 2:30pm

Victoria Theatre - 138 N Main St Dayton, OH 45402

Dayton Ballet brings Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream to life in a captivating collaboration with the Philharmonic. Choreographer Brandon Ragland's Force Flux, set to Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 13 and performed live by DPO pianist Joshua Nemith, opens the evening with bold contemporary movement before dancers transform the stage into a moonlit forest of romance and mischief. It's a magical experience for the whole family.



Cincinnati November 6-7, 2026

Cincinnati Ballet

Music Hall

LIVE!

In Concert with Over the Rhine and The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra

ballet x music

LIVE! in concert with Over the Rhine and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra features the critically acclaimed, Cincinnati-based band led by Linford Detweiler and Karin Bergquist and ties the city's history, community, and musical sensibilities into a one-of-a-kind performance.



Cleveland

Event: Charlotte Ballet presented by DANCECleveland

Location: [Mimi Ohio Theatre](#), 1511 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115

Time: Nov 7, 2026, at 7:30pm (Sat)

Price: \$12-\$108

Event URL: [Charlotte Ballet | DANCECleveland | Modern and Contemporary Dance in Cleveland, OH](#)

Ticket URL: [Charlotte Ballet | Playhouse Square](#)

Description: "Fall in love with contemporary movement as Charlotte Ballet makes its Playhouse Square debut—launching DANCECleveland mainstage season with an evening that is bold, beautiful, and irresistibly alive.

The stunning evening of four contemporary ballet works features versatile dancers performing contemporary favorites like Jiří Kylián's stunning *Petite Mort*, set to two of Mozart's most famous piano concertos and known for its striking imagery, elegant tension, and haunting intimacy. Also on the program are Crystal Pite's *Solo Echo*, a deeply moving meditation on love, loss, and acceptance, and *As I Am*, by resident choreographer Mthuthuzeli November, a work that pulses with individuality and emotional honesty.

Recognized for its adventurous repertory, Charlotte Ballet brings Cleveland audiences a captivating evening of elegance, passion, and modern storytelling perfect for longtime dance lovers and first-time balletgoers alike."



Dayton Friday, Sept. 4 at 11am
Dayton Dance Conservatory
Cultural center of India
7762 Waynetowne Blvd, Dayton, OH

This multi-day Nutcracker Choreography Workshops offer dance artists a unique opportunity to explore the beauty and richness of Indian heritage dance as part of this beloved holiday tradition. Through movement, rhythm, storytelling, and expression, participants experience elements of Indian dance that enhance artistry, creativity, and performance skills. This long-standing collaboration brings cultural inspiration and artistic innovation to the Nutcracker, creating an inspiring learning experience while celebrating the power of dance to connect traditions and communities.



Oberlin October 9-10, 2026
Oberlin Contact Improvisation Collective (OCIC)

Fall Contact Improvisation Jam with guest artist Nica Portavia

Come join OCIC folks for a weekend of dancing. Friday evening and all day Saturday.

For more information contact:
obiecontactjams@gmail.com



NVDC
FALL WORKSHOP

New Vision Dance Company offers multiple workshops throughout the year to promote growth and passion for dancers. Workshops include styles such as jazz, ballet, contemporary and HipHop. This workshop is for Intermediate/Advanced dancers ages 10-Adult.

AUDITION OPPORTUNITY!!

Dancers will have the opportunity to audition for a Student Guest Artist spot in our Fall show, "RETROSPECTIVE IV - Celebrating 20 years of New Vision Dance Company" Saturday, October 17th

- August 30th, 2026, 1-5pm
- Ohio Theater (Rehearsal Room), 39 E State St, Columbus, OH 43215
- \$50 tuition

NEW VISION DANCE CO.

More Information: www.newvisiondanceco.org newvisiondanceco@gmail.com

New Albany - October 17, 2026
Fall Workshop - New Vision Dance Company
Int/Adv Dancers ages 10 through adult

Workshop include styles such as jazz, ballet, contemporary and hip hop.

Dancers will have the opportunity to audition for a Student Guest Artist spot in our Fall show, "RETROSPECTIVE IV - Celebrating 20 years of New Vision Dance Company" taking place Saturday, October 17th.

August 30, 2026
 \$50



Columbus

Starting August 15th 2026

Columbus - Thioossane West African Dance Institute

Youth Arts Enrichment Program

Thioossane West African Dance Institute was founded 25 years ago to introduce, enhance, and encourage traditional west African dance, music, and song.

Our Community Classes for children ages 3-17 yrs.

Every Saturday:

3-7 years (arrive at 9am) class starts - 9:30am

8-13 years (arrive at 10am) class starts - 10:30am

Adults every Tuesday 6:30pm-8pm

All classes held at The Historic Lincoln Theatre 769 E. Long St. 3rd floor



Cincinnati, OH

Cultural center of India

Dances of India Classes: Fall Quarter: August 23rd - December 13th, 2026 - In Person and Online classes.

Year round enrollment.

9462 Hopewell Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45249-3618

Email

Phone: 513-227-9612



BalletMet's Adult and Open Classes Continue

<https://www.balletmet.org/academy/adult-and-open-classes/>

September 8, 2026 - May 22, 2027

BalletMet Studios, 322 Mount Vernon Avenue

Our drop-in classes are for the casual learner and/or fitness enthusiast. We have offerings in various dance styles for teens, adults and seniors who'd like a more relaxed studio environment, as well as fitness classes for those looking to work up a sweat. Classes will continue through fall, winter, and spring with a Fall Break from November 25 - 29, 2026 and Winter Break from December 18, 2026 - January 4, 2027.



Columbus, OH

[BalletMet Dance Academy Registration NOW OPEN:](#)

BalletMet Dance Academy, 322 Mt Vernon Ave, Columbus, OH 43215

Register your young dance for a spot at the [BalletMet Dance Academy](#) and experience how dance can positively impact all areas of a young person's life.



Columbus

InPulse Dance Co. - Open Company Class

[Open Company Class Tickets](#)

Our Open Company Class welcomes movers of all levels to train, sweat, and create together. Every class supports our mission to bring accessible dance education and performances to underserved communities.

What to expect:

Guided warm-up and technique with InPulse company members

Original choreography in a supportive, high-energy space

Connection with a community that believes dance is for everyone

August 22, 2026, 10-11:30 AM

August 29, 2026, 10-11:30 AM

September 12, 2026, 10-11:30 AM

September 26, 2026, 10-11:30 AM

October 17, 2026, 10-11:30 AM

October 24, 2026, 10-11:30 AM

November 21, 2026, 10-11:30 AM

December 5, 2026, 10-11:30 AM

[Email](#)

[Website](#)



Shaker Heights

Ohio Contemporary Ballet is seeking applications for a male dancer for immediate hire. Ohio Contemporary Ballet values diversity and encourages all professionally trained dancers to apply. Must have experience in ballet, partnering, and contemporary dance. Ohio Contemporary Ballet offers paid time, FICA, Workers Compensation, Unemployment, company classes, shoe allowance and physical therapy through the Cleveland Clinic. Relocation assistance is available.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested dancers should email all the following materials for consideration:

Current resumé

Headshot

Dance photo

YouTube or Vimeo link showing dancer's abilities men please include footage of partnering

Submission deadline: ASAP Applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis.

Please send to send submissions to info@ocballet.org
[3558 Lee Rd. Shaker Hts., OH 44120](https://www.ocballet.org) | www.ocballet.org



Ada - Saturday, November 14, 2026 (ONU Campus) Monday, January 18, 2027 (ONU Campus) Saturday, February 13, 2027 (ONU Campus)

Ohio Northern University Talent awards are available for students who minor in dance. To be considered, an audition and/or interview is required. Prepare a short dance (no longer than two minutes) that demonstrates your technique, musicality and phrasing in dance. This may be ballet, jazz, modern, tap or any other style depending on your training and experience. The choreography may be your own or someone else's.

A Bluetooth system will be provided for your audition.

Professional dance attire is expected (leotards, tights, ballet slippers, etc.).

There will be a dance call led by one of our instructors.

<https://www.onu.edu/academics/dance>
dance@onu.edu

Cleveland

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

Columbus

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

Youngstown**Ballet Western Reserve**

We currently have two leadership openings — Artistic Director and Managing Director

A quick overview of each role:

- **Artistic Director** — Will lead Nutcracker auditions in late August and guide the company into its landmark 65th season. Full job description attached.
- **Managing Director** — Oversees the organizational and operational side of BWR. We're open to candidates from a range of backgrounds, including those with strong nonprofit leadership experience and an interest in the arts, even without a dance background. Full job description attached.

Interested candidates can reach out directly to me at ktmerrill1@gmail.com.



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

Louisville, KY

Call for Certified Dance Educator: Guest Masterclasses, Residencies & Future Opportunities

The Youth Performing Arts School

Louisville, KY

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17TjvbJ21-ZyJ5Tu76Es8yfFsAr5a3eKnjrZ1afV6-Zc/edit?usp=sharing>



Albuquerque, NM

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

[Dance Teacher Conference 2026](#)



Toledo Ballet is proud to announce its first-ever Winter Works Choreographic Competition, inviting emerging choreographers from all dance genres to create new work alongside our professional company dancers.

Think you could be one of them? Applications are open now through September 30, 2026.

Complete application requirements and additional information can be found at liveartstoledo.com/tb-competition

Columbus

BalletMet invites you to reserve a date for **Together We Dance**, an interactive in-school performance designed for grades K-12 to experience the art and athleticism of ballet.

Performance Highlights

- **Performed by BalletMet 2** (highly skilled professional dancers ages 18-22)
- Repertoire highlights and new choreography
- Live narration and increased audience participation
- Interactive Q&A session with the dancers
- Comprehensive study guide included

Logistics & Pricing

- Duration: 60 minutes
- Location: Brought directly to your school (gym, auditorium, or multi-purpose room)
- Cost: \$600 (subsidized by generous program supporters)

Available Dates

- Fall: November 9–13
- Spring: March 8–20, March 29–April 2

Dates fill quickly due to limited availability. To book or ask questions, reply to this email or call 614-586-8629.

BalletMet 2 serves as BalletMet's second company and acts as a launch pad for dancers beginning their professional careers. Comprised of highly skilled dancers ages 18-22, this second company is unique in that it not only works directly with the main company in class, rehearsals, and on stage but also regularly goes out into the community to perform which help expand the visibility, awareness, and knowledge of dance as a profession.

Please take a moment to view this [brief introductory video](#) about BalletMet's Education performances! And if you would like to know more about BalletMet 2, I've included a unique opportunity to take a look [behind the scenes](#) with our Second Company.

Articles

- Simone Forti, seminal postmodern dance artist, [has died at age 91](#). (Artforum)
- Dance has been shown to be an important tool in the fight against neurodegenerative diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.
- [Here's a look at why](#). (Harper's Bazaar)
- In Côte d'Ivoire, street-dance battles set to biana, a genre of percussive dance music, [are becoming a pop-culture fixture](#). (The Guardian)
- Savion Glover, Celia Rowson-Hall, Calvin Royal III, and a slew of other notable dance and performance-based artists [highlight their favorite dance-inspired films](#). (T: The New York Times Style Magazine)
- Faced with a post-retirement slump, former efficiency consultant Stephen Walsh [took up tap dancing at age 62](#). (The Guardian)



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	
Patron \$1,000+	

◆ Organizational Memberships ◆

Dance companies, universities, studios and schools: your membership boosts your visibility and benefits your stakeholders.

Dues are based on your organization's budget:

Organizational Memberships	1 year	Additional benefits include:	
		Advertising	Reduced tickets for annual festival
Silver		1 free business card or 1/16 page newsletter ad	2 tickets, staff or student
Org. budget up to \$50,000	\$60		
Org. budget \$50,100 - \$100,000	\$100		
Gold		1 free 1/8 page newsletter ad	4 tickets, staff or student
Org. budget \$101,000 - \$250,000	\$200		
Org. budget \$250,100 - \$500,000	\$300		
Platinum		\$250 ad package, acknowledgement in publication	6 tickets, staff or student
Org. budget \$500,100 - \$750,000	\$500		
Org. budget \$750,100 - \$1,000,000	\$750		

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Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Organization Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Organization Contact: _____ Web Site: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Join online using PayPal <http://ohiodance.org/membership/>

Or Mail a check to: OhioDance, 77 South High Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215 Questions: 614.224.2913

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