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## Urban Dance Guest Artist Residency

Company: U of Montana Dance Program  
Location: Missoula, MT  
Compensation: \$5,000 honorarium

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The University of Montana School of Theatre & Dance and CoMotion Dance Project announce a Guest Artist Residency in Urban Dance and additional dance forms. We are seeking an experienced guest artist who is:

1. Fully literate in Urban Dance, who will teach university courses in beginning and intermediate hip-hop/street dance forms;
2. Able to offer an additional area of expertise such as Dance in Education, Contemporary Dance, Somatic/Creative Practice, Children's Dance, World Dance, Dance History, Dance for Camera, Ballet, Jazz, or Tap;
3. Excited to choreograph for students in an annual dance production;
4. Committed to excellent teaching.

The guest artist will interact with university faculty/staff, professional dancers, and students of all ages and abilities. Two residencies will be held at UM: August 24-September 25, 2015, and January 25-February 26, 2016. Applicants may apply for one 5-week residency or both; each residency carries a \$5,000 honorarium. Additional employment opportunities may be available, through a community partnership with the Kennedy Center's Any Given Child/Missoula program, in local middle schools.

The Dance Program at the University of Montana offers dance majors the opportunity to pursue either a BA or BFA in Dance. The Dance Program consists of four full-time faculty and five adjunct instructors and is supported by ten additional faculty members in Design & Technology and Performance & Practice. The Dance Program provides a vibrant environment in which students are challenged academically and encouraged to develop as artists and teachers. Instruction is grounded in contemporary dance practices and encourages students to broaden their territory and engage in the community and world.

The University of Montana is one of the nation's outstanding public universities, committed to liberal-arts education, research, and strong professional programs. UM has a student population of about 15,000 and is located in Missoula, a cosmopolitan Rocky Mountain community often singled out in national publications for its quality of life and beautiful natural environment. Abundant recreational opportunities in surrounding forests, lakes, rivers, mountains, and ski areas are accessed easily. The community offers numerous high-quality and unique cultural events. Nearby Glacier National Park and Yellowstone National Park complement a thriving intellectual atmosphere.

Any Given Child/Missoula: The organization is founded in this value statement: All Missoula County Public School (K-8) students must have equal access to diverse arts learning opportunities that inspire curiosity, communication, and creativity. Programming will include workshops in K-8 schools, professional development for teachers, and enrichment opportunities in the arts.

### TO APPLY:

Applications must be submitted via email to [umtheatredance@umontana.edu](mailto:umtheatredance@umontana.edu) with the subject line "LASTNAME.guestartistapplication."

Complete applications must include:

1. Letter of interest that includes a description of applicant's dance background, a description of teaching qualifications and accomplishments, and indication of availability: August 24-September 25, 2015, and/or January 25-February 26, 2016 (applicants may apply for one 5-week residency or both);
2. Current resume;
3. Two current letters of recommendation;
4. Information for three references (who will be contacted via phone);
5. Online links to applicant's recent choreographic and performance work.

Review begins April 6, 2015, and continues until filled. A teaching sample may be requested for finalists.

A UM education is underscored by a commitment to diversity. Applicants with diverse backgrounds, experiences, ability and perspectives are encouraged to apply.

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