

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

## Upsurge Dance Festival

Company: Upsurge Dance Festival  
Compensation: Residency + mentorship award

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We are in search of choreographers of African descent to showcase their work in the second annual Upsurge Dance Festival. ALL STYLES ARE WELCOMED! Showcased works can range from classical modern to musical theatre dance. For this round, we are requesting pre-recorded works that have been presented on stage or recorded in a formal performance space (black box, etc). The presented work must not exceed 9 min! If your presented work is longer than our requested time limit, please supply a time stamp for a suggested excerpt. Once selected, all choreographers have the option to re-record their work for the showcase (on your own merit). If you choose to opt-out of this option, we will present the video that was sent with your application.

One choreographer will be selected to receive our mentorship award! This year Peter Chu of Chuthis is joining the USDF family as a mentor. You will have the chance to receive one on one guidance for your next work in progress to be shown at USDF's 2025 showcase. The artist will also receive a stipend that will cover studio space during these mentor sessions. We will provide studio space for the selected artist to host a masterclass in their hometown. We want to open up space for your dance community to learn your methods and some rep seen in our festival!

Where: Virtually presented

When: August 24, 2024

DEADLINE: June 1, 2024

### Mission:

Upsurge Dance Festival is an interdisciplinary international annual festival geared to present the voices of upcoming and seasoned choreographers. Premiering as a virtual live performance, UDF's modus operandi is to provide a platform for artists of African descent to connect with like-minded creatives involved in all mediums within the dance scene. All selected artists will get ample chances for international exposure and networking to elevate their choreographic journeys to the next level. This festival highlights each individual choreographer over the course of one week with chances for workshops, live interviews, mentorships and so much more.

To apply, please fill out all information here: <https://forms.gle/VuiCsWHTrMH3yRWa7>

For all other inquiries, feel free to send an email to [Upsurgedancefest@gmail.com](mailto:Upsurgedancefest@gmail.com)

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