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## Casting Dancers for a Comedic Dance Piece

Company: Jeevika Bhat  
Compensation: 50-100

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Seeking 4-6 contemporary dancers (all ethnicities and genders welcome) for a new twenty minute dance work to be staged in LIC in May 2025.

The premise of the production is a comedic experiment in shifting media - once, the question was how to capture real life in a YouTube video; now, I ask how to portray a YouTube video on stage.

The idea is to portray a Youtube recording of a ten minute solo dance performance. On YouTube, the performance would not be ten straight minutes, but would be riddled with ads - a random prescription drug ad, a new vehicle ad, an auto insurance ad, a jewelry company ad, all at inopportune times throughout the performance. These ads manifest on stage via blackouts from the original solo piece, that then burst into intricately choreographed/acted advertisements, that then immediately resume from wherever the original piece left off. It's definitely meant to be a humorous piece, poking fun at the dwindling 21st century attention span, the incredulity and ubiquity of modern advertisements, and partially, dance culture and the inaccessibility of high brow classical dance.

I am currently searching for contemporary/modern dancers to dance/act in the advertisement sections of the piece. Each ad is about 45-60 seconds, and are starkly different from each other stylistically, but all within the contemporary/modern/jazz worlds. Rehearsals will be approximately weekly in Manhattan or LIC, from mid December to mid May, depending on dancer availability.

If interested, please email me the following:

- a video sample of you performing any contemporary choreography or freestyle. I'm looking for dynamic/expressive dancers who can easily play different characters in different ad sections.
- any additional videos or materials that you'd like me to see!
- your typical weekly availability for rehearsals
- any set travel plans between now and May.

I'll be in contact by the end of next week with final decisions!

Jeevika Bhat

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