

September, 27-29, 2019

THE DANCE GALLERY ANNUAL PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL RETURNS FOR 13TH YEAR

Company: DANCE GALLERY FESTIVAL
Venue: Ailey Citigroup Theater
Location: New York, NY

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Santa Barbara Dance Theater, Manuel Vignoulle M/motions and Victoria DeRenzo Dance join more than 15 Modern and Contemporary Dance Companies in Three Different Programs

SPECIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 AT 5PM - Artistic directors, choreographers and industry professionals discuss the decision-making process behind commission and presentation.

[The Dance Gallery](#) annual performance Festival will return to New York's Ailey Citigroup Theater, 405 W 55th St, from Friday, September 27 through Sunday, September 29. The organization, celebrating its 13th year, serves to mentor upcoming national and international choreographers with performance opportunities and residencies. The 2019 Dance Gallery Festival will feature more than 15 artists in a weekend of modern and contemporary dance in three distinct and separate programs. All tickets \$20. <https://www.dancegalleryfestival.com/> See full lineup below.

This year's Festival will also include a Professional Development Panel on Friday, Sept. 27 at 5pm at the same location. Artistic directors, choreographers and industry professionals will gather to discuss the different stages of choreographic careers and how presenters and artistic directors make key decisions on whom to commission and present. Free. Panelists include: Ariana Massery - Jacob's Pillow, Associate Producer, Cameron McKinney - Kizuna Dance, Choreographer, Danni Gee - SummerStage, Dance Programmer, Helen Simoneau - Helen Simoneau Danse, Choreographer, Nicole Von Arx - NVA & Guests, Choreographer, Astrid von Ussar - Dance Gallery Festival, Founder & Artistic Director and Kristin Gregory - Program Officer, National Dance Project, NEFA - New England Foundation for the Arts.

Friday, Sept. 27 at 5pm - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PANEL - Free.

Friday, Sept. 27 at 7:30pm - Level UP - All tickets \$20. <https://www.dancegalleryfestival.com/tickets> Level UP was designed by the Dance Gallery to showcase choreographers ready to advance to the next level of development and promotion of their work. Level UP artists are judged qualified by the selection committee to present at the national level, with each artist to receive 25 minutes of performance time and a commission fee. Level UP artists include: [UANA DANCE/Nicole Caruana](#), [Stewart/Owen Dance](#) and [ABARUKUS/Yoshito Sakuraba](#).

Saturday, Sept. 28 at 8pm and Sun., Sept. 29 at 3pm - "The Main Event" - All tickets \$20. <https://www.dancegalleryfestival.com/tickets>

Sat., Sept. 28 at 8pm Artists include:
Allen Xing/Xing Dance Theater
Evelyn Toh
Rosie DeAngelo/The Nash Conspiracy
Colette R. Kerwick
Joshua Manculich
Hung Dance
Annalee Traylor
Brandon Whited/Santa Barbara Dance Theater
MATHETA Dance/Khensani Mathebula
Manuel Vignoulle - M/motions
NobleMotion Dance
Emily Robison

Sunday, Sept. 29 at 3pm Artists include:

Alan Xing/Xing Dance Theater
Evelyn Toh
Colette R. Kerwick
Joshua Manculich
Dolly Sfeir
Hung Dance
Brandon Whited/Santa Barbara Dance Theater
Patrick O'Brien
Victoria DeRenzo Dance
NobleMotion Dance
Emily Robison
MATHETA Dance/Khensani Mathebula

ABOUT THE DANCE GALLERY FESTIVAL:

The Dance Gallery Festival was created in 2007 by Astrid von Ussar and Mojca Ussar and has since become a well-known festival with annual showcases in New York City and Texas. Since its inception, the festival has featured more than 650 dancers and has grown from a single showcase to a festival with performances in NYC and Texas, residency programs for choreographers and free master classes for both NYC and Texas communities. The Festival has been running for the past 12 years and has created opportunities and a community for emerging dance artists.

Under the guidance of Astrid von Ussar, Festival Artistic Director, The Dance Gallery Festival has mentored hundreds of artists seeking to establish a foothold in a business with few resources and much competition.

Over 170 emerging and established choreographers have participated in The Dance Gallery Festival since its founding, with more than twenty-five works commissioned. Many Festival alumni have gone on to perform at Jacob's Pillow, the Joyce Theater, international venues and national television. [Video](#)

According to Ms. von Ussar, *"the production of modern concert dance is often challenged by the scarcity of suitable and affordable performance venues. The Dance Gallery Festival addresses this problem by providing a state-of-the-art theater, complete with production staff, marketing, and public relations support to showcase each choreographer's work. 'Level Up' artists are now receiving fees in support of the creation of new work, and a residency program has been established with workshops and performances in partnership with the Catskills Arts Society in Livingston Manor NY. We have also expanded our university partnerships,"* she said.

Read more about THE DANCE GALLERY FESTIVAL [here](#).

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Schedule
September 27, 2019: 7:30pm
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