

ADVOCACY ALERT: NEWS ON NYSCA

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Dear New York City Dance Community:

As the leading advocate for dance in NYC, Dance/NYC is working to support the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) at this crucial moment.

NYC dance needs NYSCA and NYSCA needs us. NYC dance has long benefitted from NYSCA's commitment to discipline-specific funding, program innovation and the substantive intellectual capital staff and panelists bring to artistic and managerial evaluations.

NYSCA pledges to maintain dance-specific funding programs and processes as the agency responds to budgetary reduction and staff losses by restructuring its operations and broadening program offers' scope of work. Unfortunately, budgetary reductions will eliminate site visits and independent audits, posing an evaluation challenge for all. See NYSCA statement [here](#).

I recently joined the NYC Arts Coalition Steering Committee to represent dance and attended my first coalition meeting last week. For the Coalition's statement on NYSCA and ways to help, click [here](#).

On Monday, Dance/NYC submitted testimony at a public hearing in Albany, asking the State to do what it can to restore NYSCA to funding health and offering Dance/NYC as a resource to help the new administration maintain a vibrant NYSCA. You can read the testimony [here](#).

Please visit DanceNYC.org for updates as we monitor the shifting landscape, and thank you, as always, for all that you do to sustain and advance dance in NYC. Have a wonderful holiday.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. For the Dance/NYC Junior Committee perspective, visit Julia Kelly's blog entry [here](#).

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