

WEEKLY ADVOCACY ALERT, JULY 15

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SUPPORTING BLACK LIVES ACTIONS

1. Join Dance/NYC in supporting the #ArtsGoBlack campaign. The Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute (CCCADI) officially launched #ArtsGoBlack to galvanize organizations that wish to take real action to end racism in the arts and culture field. Please visit [artsgo.black](#) and *take the pledge*. Once signed up, you will receive a questionnaire and a toolkit to let your constituents know that you are ready to take concrete steps to address racial and social injustice.

TAKE THE
PLEDGE

2. [The International Association of Blacks in Dance](#) shared an open letter calling out white supremacy in the dance field entitled [Dear White American Dance Community](#). They also launched: [Preserving the Legacy and History of Black Dance in America](#), a program digitizing historically significant material dating back to the 1970's.

SIGN ON TO THE
LETTER

3. Tune in to [Black Dance Stories](#), created by the performer, producer and dance writer Charmaine Warren, with the dancers Kimani Fowlin and Nicholas Hall. The event will be livestreamed every Thursday at 6pm featuring two Black artists in the dance field, bringing Black artists to the fore to tell their own stories.

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NEWSLETTER

4. Join [Women of Color in the Arts](#) (WOCA) for Speak On It: The Wisdom of Black Women Arts Leaders THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020 | 7:00PM - 9:00PM ET. As we navigate the non-profit arts sector in the midst of a crisis – let's look to the collective wisdom of Black women to teach us a few things about resilience and reinvention.

MEMBERS REGISTER VIA
ZOOM

ALLIES JOIN VIA FACEBOOK
LIVE

FEDERAL

1. CONTACT your member of Congress/ Senate on legislation coming up:
 1. [Ask Congress](#) to Fund All Arts and Nonprofit Organizations and the Arts Sector Workforce - this campaign is led by the Performing Arts Alliance.
 2. [National #Relief4Charities Week of Action](#): Join The National Council of Nonprofits, Independent Sector, and other national organizations this week for #Relief4Charities Week of Action: designed to make lawmakers and staff aware of the combined, coordinated campaign of the charitable nonprofit community in support of a unified policy agenda.
 3. [Endorse the Mixed Earner Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Act of 2020](#): Many freelancers and artists have encountered difficulty accessing unemployment due to having mixed income (a combination of W2 and 1099). Senator Schiff plans to introduce legislation on July 21st to remedy the inability of mixed income workers to fully access unemployment benefits. For those organizations able to endorse this legislation ahead of its introduction, [please fill out the form here](#) by July 15th.
 4. [Share stories about impact of COVID-19 on People with Disabilities](#)
 1. Share [AUCD's top priorities](#) for the next bill with your members of Congress.
 5. [H.R. 40: Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act](#) was introduced to the House in January 2019 and needs to be considered by committee before it can be sent on to the House or Senate as a whole. [Write Or Call Congress](#).
 6. [The PPP Coalition](#) is an ad hoc grassroots coalition of local, regional, and national entities from the "last-to-reopen" sectors of the American economy. They seek to improve PPP through a few key changes to the program that will benefit all borrowers, small businesses and nonprofits, regardless of their industry. [Sign onto their letter](#).
2. Updates on Federal legislature:
 1. Both the House and Senate are now on the July 4th Recess; when they return, it is expected they will vote on a 4th COVID-19 relief package

NEW YORK STATE

1. SIGN ON - State Contracts:

1. Sign on to Human Services Council [open letter](#) urging State representatives to ensure that human services, arts and cultural, and philanthropic nonprofits State contracts are paid fully and on time, so we can continue to support New York communities.

2. Updates on rent relief and legislation:

1. Starting July 16, 2020, [New Yorkers can apply](#) for the state's [COVID Rent Relief Program](#) — an effort that sends a one-time rental subsidy directly to eligible household's landlords.
2. The State legislature will reconvene in Albany July 20th for a [summer session](#).
3. Governor Cuomo [extended the eviction moratorium](#) until August 5.

NEW YORK CITY

1. COMPLETE the Census:

1. As of July 2, just 53% of New Yorkers have completed the [Census](#). The census determines how much funding each state receives. This represents [hundreds of millions](#) of dollars that NYC urgently needs right now.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Dance/NYC [Coronavirus Preparedness](#) Resources.
- Dance/NYC [Racial Justice](#) Resources
- Join the movement: [#ArtistsAreNecessaryWorkers](#).
- Dance/NYC hosts weekly dance field-wide calls to address our questions, needs, and plans for the future as a field. Calls occur every Thursday, 4:00 pm. – 5:00 p.m. [Register!](#)

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