

DANCE/NYC CLOSED MAY 18–26, 2024 FOR SPRING BREAK

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(FAQs after letter)

Dear Dance Community,

As we navigate another impactful year at Dance/NYC, we recognize the significance of balance and renewal in our programming and advocacy efforts. Grounded in our steadfast commitment to justice, equity, and inclusion, we must prioritize the well-being of our team alongside our collective mission.

To allow the Dance/NYC team an opportunity to rest after a busy start to the year, the Dance/NYC offices will be closed from Saturday, May 18, 2024 through Sunday, May 26, 2024 for spring break. Upon our return, we will focus on internal intention setting from Monday, May 27 through Sunday, June 2, 2024. During this period, our office will be closed for public-facing programs with limited external communications.

To help you continue to access important resources, you can find the answers to your most frequently asked questions here, including details on where you can get timely information about the field while we are away.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As we anticipate the rest of 2024, we will:

- Keep prioritizing the DWR Initiative, including advancing the [Our New York City Dance](#) campaign and development of the Dance Workforce Directory on the [DWR Hub](#).
- Further our commitment to resource distribution to small-budget organizations through our fourth iteration of the [Dance Advancement Fund](#).
- Continue to focus on our internal infrastructure, embarking on a 6-month strategic planning process for the organization.

Should you have any inquiries or suggestions for our ongoing work, please feel free to contact us. We welcome your input, and [our emails are publicly available on Dance.NYC](#).

With Appreciation,
[The Dance/NYC Team](#)

DANCE/NYC FAQs

Key Dates:

- May 16: Submit ads by 3:00 p.m. for website ads to run during the organizational break
- May 18–26: Dance/NYC offices closed, no external programs, limited communications and ad placements.
- May 27–31: Dance/NYC office reopens for internal activity: no external programs, limited external communications
- June 3: Resume all external programs and communications

Contact:

Please expect a delay in response to any email communications, phone calls, voicemails, and/or direct messages via social media received from May 18–26.

Advocacy:

1. We are thrilled to unveil the [Our New York City Dance](#) campaign, a rallying call for the New York City dance community to come together and take action towards building an industry that is valued, protected, sustainable, and just. Explore our primers addressing three critical issues highlighted by our research:
 - [Issue 1: Dance Workers' Lack of Value and Protections in Society](#)
 - [Issue 2: Financial Unsustainability for Our Workers and Organizations](#)
 - [Issue 3: Justice, Equity and Inclusion are Still Lagging](#)
2. Sign the Cultural Equity Coalition's [open letter to Mayor Adams](#) to underscore the importance of equitable arts funding and urge him to restore funds for the Cultural Development Fund program groups.
3. [Sign up to testify](#) at the final [Department of Cultural Affairs Budget Hearing](#) for FY25 on May 21.
4. Check out our [March Dance Worker Digest](#) for important news and resources of particular interest to our community. The May issue will be released on May 30, 2024.
5. Review our [Advocacy Alerts](#) for our latest calls to action.

6. Visit Dance/NYC's [Advocacy page](#) for upcoming events, news, and updates on legislative efforts at the federal, state, and local levels.

7. Visit Dance/NYC's resource pages including:

- [DWR Resource Library](#)
- [Racial Justice Resources](#)
- [Sexual Harassment Resources](#)
- [Land Acknowledgement Practice Resources](#)
- [Disability, Dance, Artistry Resources](#)
- [Immigrants, Dance, Arts, Resources](#)
- [Rehearsal Space Resources](#)
- [Fiscal Sponsorship Resources](#)

8. If you would like to continue to engage in discussions dealing with advocacy and other issues of concern to NYC's cultural community, you might consider joining the [Culture@3](#) calls which happen at 3:00 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday or the NY4CA Advocacy calls on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. These calls are for leaders of nonprofit cultural institutions in NYC to connect with each other. For more information on joining these calls, email Lucy Sexton of New Yorkers for Culture & Arts: lucy@ny4ca.org

9. Sign up for [Governor Hochul's mailing list](#) for the latest news and guidelines

10. Join [NYC Arts in Education Roundtable](#) in advocating for the arts as essential to education for all students

11. Review [Nonprofit New York's legislative priorities](#) for nonprofit organizations

12. Check out [Dance/USA's Key Advocacy Issues](#)

Research:

1. Review Dance/NYC's latest research report: [State of NYC Dance 2023: Findings from the Dance Industry Census](#)
2. Review the [Coronavirus Dance Impact Informational Brief: A Dance Sector in Peril](#) and review additional findings for [independent dance workers](#) and [dance organizations, groups, and projects](#).
3. Review Dance/NYC's research report [Defining "Small-Budget" Dance Makers in a Changing Dance Ecology](#)
4. Dance/NYC's research page also hosts a [library of all of the past research reports for your use](#)

Dance.NYC, Advertisements, Communications, and Press:

1. Advertisements:

- If you are interested in advertising with Dance/NYC during this period, please note the following:
- Ads purchased between Friday, May 17 and Sunday, May 26, will not be processed until the week of May 27. Please plan accordingly.
 - For ads to run in the Monday, May 20 newsletter, ads must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, May 16, 2024. Any ads submitted past this date will not be included.
 - For ads to run in the Monday, May 27 newsletter, ads must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27.
 - For website ads to run during the organizational break, the submission deadline is Thursday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m.
 - [All ads and payments must be submitted via our website](#)
- Listings and events added to Dance.NYC's Community Calendar will continue to be available during the organizational break. To place a listing, please visit: www.dance.nyc/place-free-listings-and-purchase-ads

2. Press

- If you are a member of the press, please direct your questions to Michelle Tabnick, Michelle Tabnick PR, michelle@michelletabnickpr.com, 646-765-4773
- Learn more about the organization by browsing our website

Leadership Training, Networking and Convening:

Listed below are the upcoming events in Dance/NYC's Networking & Convening portfolio, and resources related to our major initiatives:

1. Experience Dance/NYC's [State of NYC Dance: Findings from the Dance Industry Census Research Performance Event](#) from December 2023.
 - Learn more about the [Dance, Workforce, Resilience, \(DWR\) Initiative](#)
 - Explore tools and resources available on the [DWR Hub](#).
2. Experience all [Symposium 2022 sessions](#)
3. [Disability, Dance, Artistry Initiative](#)
 - Visit this page for information related to this initiative that aims to advance inclusion and access to the art form for disabled people including: [research reports](#), [resources and accessibility guides](#) and [recent fellowship recipients](#).
4. [Immigrants, Dance, Arts](#)
 - Visit this page for information related to this initiative that aims to extend the role of dance artistry in fostering the inclusion, integration, and human rights of immigrants in NYC including: [research reports](#), and [resources](#).

Grantmaking:

Included below are resources related to our major regranteeing programs:

1. [Dance Advancement Fund](#)

- This program is currently in the application stage of a two-year grant cycle (2024-2026). Expressions of Interest (EOI) are due by June 8, 2024 by 5:00 PM. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/DAF24-26>.

- For inquiries specific to the Dance Advancement Fund, please email danceadvancementfund@dance.nyc.

2. [Rehearsal Space Subsidy Program](#)

- This program is in the third of a three-year grant cycle (2022-2024). New requests and applications to the Rehearsal Space Subsidy Program are not accepted at this time.
- For inquiries specific to the Rehearsal Space Subsidy Program, please email rehearsalspacesubsidy@dance.nyc.

Funders and Donors:

We are so appreciative of our funders and donors and all they have enabled us to do historically and particularly over the past year.

1. Dance/NYC continues to advocate on behalf of the New York City metropolitan dance community. If you or anyone you know is interested in making a contribution and learning about the different ways to support Dance/NYC's work and growing impact on the dance sector, please visit [Dance.NYC/about/donate](#).
2. If you encounter any issues while attempting to donate online, please email mkonur@dance.nyc and our Development team will support you in your generosity upon our return.
3. If you wish to donate, but prefer not to submit payment processing information through our secure online form, you can:
 - send your check to Dance/NYC, 218 East 18th Street, Ground Floor, New York, NY 10003, or
 - email mkonur@dance.nyc and our Development team will offer alternative methods of donation upon our return.
4. If you would like to inquire about stock donations, please email vcapote@dance.nyc and our team will provide you with next steps upon our return.
5. If you would like to make a donation through a donor-advised fund you can [visit our donation page for further instructions](#).

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