

DANCE/NYC 2018 SYMPOSIUM

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Sunday, February 25, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Registration and Coat Check open at 9:00 a.m.

Gibney Dance: Agnes Varis Performing Arts Center
280 Broadway, New York, NY 10007

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Dance/NYC's 2018 Symposium considered the role of New York dance artists and creativity in a changing United States, as the dance field responds to the priorities of a new presidential administration.

It invited participants to deep dive into the topics of growing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workforce; increasing dance education; advancing individual artists; and harnessing technology, among others, in the context of a changing national climate and following the release of CreateNYC, the City of New York's first-ever cultural plan.

How can New Yorkers, by working together and across sectors, act now to advance the art form and 1,200+ dance makers and companies in the metropolitan area? And how can local dance activity contribute to the future of all Americans?

As the only full-day gathering of the dance community in the New York metropolitan area, the Symposium aims to share information innovation and to stimulate awareness, interest, and ongoing engagement in dance. For its 2018 Symposium, Dance/NYC returned to Gibney Dance: Agnes Varis Performing Arts Center at a time of expansion and growth. The center was constructing 6 new studios for a total of 14 spaces available at 280 Broadway for programming. The Symposium made use of multiple studios for panel discussions, case studies, interactive workshops, a networking lunch, and more.

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