
Dance/NYC and its program partner Gibney are pleased to announce the second iteration of the Disability. Dance. Artistry. Residency Program, made possible by the generous support of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs CreateNYC Disability Forward Fund and the Shelley & the Donald Rubin Foundation. Dance/NYC will award week-long residencies to up to four (4) disabled dance artists or integrated dance companies at Gibney from May 21, 2020 through June 20, 2020. The purpose of the residency program is to expand opportunities for dancers with disabilities, and to advance accessibility and inclusion within the larger dance, residency and presenting communities.

In late February, Dance/NYC will issue an open call for proposals, inviting New York City area disabled dance artists or integrated dance companies, regardless of disability, to submit applications for week-long residencies taking place from May 21, 2020 through June 20, 2020 at Gibney to support their creative process. Up to four (4) dance residencies will be awarded.

Benefits include honoraria of $3,000 per participant, an additional stipend of $750 for personal care assistant(s) and/or access needs, up to 30 hours of rehearsal time over the course of one week and a ten-class card at Gibney, and mentorship support.

Applicants must be dance makers headquartered in the five boroughs of New York City, including, Brooklyn, The Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island. Applications will be considered for only one residency program, per applicant. A copy of the applicant’s U.S. IRS Determination letter, which proves the entity’s 501(c)(3) designation or tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 170(c)(1) is required or proof of fiscal sponsorship. For details on how to become fiscally sponsored, please visit Dance.NYC.

The program’s goals are artistic. Applicants with primarily therapeutic, education (arts education) focused, or related work will not be considered. The application will be available here.

The deadline for application submission is April 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST.
disabilities, the new fund builds on recommendations made in the CreateNYC cultural plan released by Mayor de Blasio in July 2017 and reflects the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs’ commitment to working with cultural organizations to provide opportunities for all New Yorkers to engage in the arts. Learn more: on.nyc.gov/2DqtX8H.

About the Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation
The Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation was founded in 1995, and is primarily committed to providing grants and programmatic support for:

- Access to art for a broad audience
- Art in the service of social justice
- Art in the service of social change and discourse
- Under-recognized artistic practice

The Foundation supports arts and cultural organizations through grants to catalyze collective action, promote equality, contribute to advocacy and policy change and develop capacity for greater civic engagement. The Foundation is also interested in supporting organizations outside of the arts whose programs seek to engage communities through cultural activities. Now in its fifth cycle, the arts and social justice grant program will reward fifty-three New York–based cultural organizations for their artistic activism and engagement with social justice. Grants will provide direct support for exhibitions, educational programs, activist initiatives, artists’ projects, publications, and operations.