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Virtual Cocktail Reception hosted by JODY and JOHN ARNHOLD

Celebrating PATRONS FOR DANCE

April 14, 2021

6:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m

Thank you for joining us for a memorable evening with leading artists and patrons of dance and dance education. This exclusive occasion marks the eighth year of Dance/NYC's activities as an independent nonprofit organization, created to advance the New York dance community and the city's role as a dance capital. The evening also marked an opportunity to reflect on the impact of 2020, consider the future of the dance sector, and share the exclusive release of a specially commissioned new dance film followed by a talk back with featured Dance/NYC grantees, including: Arthur Avilés, of [Arthur Avilés Typical Theater](#); Cebo of [Dancing in the Streets](#); Donald Lee; Jason Samuels Smith of [Divine Rhythm Productions](#); Jeremy McQueen of [The Black Iris Project](#); Militeri Tucker Concepción of [Bombazo Dance Co.](#); and Uditha Thiagarajan of [Navatman](#).

The evening also included remarks by host [Jody Gottfried Arnhold](#), Dance/NYC Advisor and Lead Patron for Dance; [Alejandra Duque Cifuentes](#), Executive Director, Dance/NYC; [Elissa D. Hecker](#), Board Chair, Dance/NYC; and [Eduardo Vilario](#), Board of Directors, Dance/NYC.

Please enjoy exclusive content (not yet publicly released) from the evening's festivities below.

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#ArtistsAreNecessaryWorkers Campaign Video

Created as a part of Dance/NYC's [#ArtistsAreNecessaryWorkers Campaign](#), this video was curated by Dance/NYC from a pool of more than 150 video submissions from a cross-section of dance workers including choreographers, dance educators, and administrators to name a few. The campaign demands the acknowledgement, representation and integration of dance and arts workers into the decision-making that will envision our future post-pandemic. Featured participants include: Alice Sheppard, Andrea Miller, Donald Borrer, Eduardo Vilario, Ephrat Asherie, Josh Prince, Maleek Washington, Lane Harwell, Marjani Forté-Saunders, Mark Morris, Tiffany Rea-Fisher, among others.

For a full list of artist submissions visit: <http://www.bit.ly/CampaignVideoFullCr...>

*Video by Nel Shelby Productions
Video Editor - Amber Schmiesing
Assistant Video Editor - Mason Chapello*

Dance/NYC in 2020: A Year of Service in Dance

2020 was an unprecedented year of service and urgent response to a sector in crisis. Acting on our mission to promote the knowledge, appreciation, and performance of dance in the NYC metropolitan area, we responded swiftly to the needs of the sector through our five core programs: action-oriented research; advocacy; leadership training and convening; technological resources; and grantmaking. Made possible by the generous support of Jody and John Arnhold and the Arnhold Foundation, this film provides an overview of Dance/NYC's response to a sector in crisis throughout 2020. Dance/NYC's service to the field is the result of the labor of an extraordinary group of arts workers, organizers, administrators, and artists who make up the [Dance/NYC Team](#).

*Video by [Nel Shelby Productions](#)
Producer/Director - Nel Shelby
Editor and Livestream - Amber Schmiesing
Project Manager - Cherylynn Tsushima*

NYC Dance in Pandemic Times

Conceived by Dance/NYC's Executive Director, Alejandra Duque Cifuentes, this film features seven of Dance/NYC's grantees performing dance reflections on what this year has meant to dance makers. This film was commissioned and made possible by the generous support of Jody and John Arnhold and the Arnhold Foundation.

Featured Dance Film Artists



[Arthur Aviles](#), Artistic Director, Choreographer, Dancer
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[Alethea Pace](#), Dancer
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[Richard Rivera](#), Dancer
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[Milteri Tucker Concepción](#), Artist Director, Choreographer
Bombazo Dance Co.

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[Cedric Leiba, Jr.](#), Dancer
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[Noele E. Phillips](#), Dancer
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[Rodney Okai Fleurimont](#), Dancer
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[Christina Smith](#) aka "Coco Motion", Dancer
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[Quinn "Qu" Brown](#), Dancer
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[Jason Samuels Smith](#), Divine Rhythm Productions

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[Donald Lee](#), Artist

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[Jeremy McQueen](#), Director & Choreographer
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[Derick McCoy, Jr.](#), Dancer
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[Elijah Lancaster](#), Dancer
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