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Dance/NYC's 5-Year Commitment to the Field



THE PLAN

The dance field in New York City and beyond has experienced profound changes over the past several years. Dance/NYC has grown and adapted alongside these shifts, working to meet the urgent needs of the community while staying focused on the long-term vision of a more just, equitable, and sustainable future for dance.

This new strategic plan is the result of a multi-year, deeply collaborative process shaped by input from dance workers, leaders, funders, and partners. It reflects a moment of transformation for both the organization and the wider dance ecosystem. We have clarified our values, sharpened our focus, and set bold goals to ensure that dance workers—especially those who have been historically under-resourced and excluded—are supported, visible, and empowered to help lead the future of our field.

As part of this work, Dance/NYC has updated its mission and values to more clearly name our commitments and the principles that guide our service. These revisions affirm our belief in the public value of dance, our responsibility to build equity and access, and our role as a bridge between individual dance workers, institutions, and policymakers.

This plan outlines five interconnected strategic goals designed to strengthen both Dance/NYC and the dance ecosystem at large. These goals center people while mobilizing organizations and systems, with the aim of creating lasting, sector-wide change. We invite you to explore this plan with curiosity and care, and to join us in imagining—and building—a future where dance is recognized as a vital cultural force and dance workers have the resources, power, and agency to thrive.

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THE EVENT

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 3:00–4:15 p.m. ET
This event has already occurred.

Bringing together partners, peers, and supporters from across the dance ecosystem, we share our renewed values, affirm the contributions shaping a more equitable field, and explore possibilities for collaboration and collective growth.

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