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Mark DeGarmo Dance Awarded \$49,500 by the New York State Council on the Arts

Company: Mark DeGarmo Dance
Location: New York, NY

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New York, NY – Mark DeGarmo Dance announced today a grant award totaling \$49,500 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the arts and culture sector. Through New York State's continued investment in arts and culture, NYSCA has awarded \$80.9 million in FY 2026 to arts and culture nonprofits across all 10 regions and a historic number of artists.

"New York's arts and culture sector is a cornerstone of the state's identity, and we're making bold investments to ensure it remains strong," Governor Hochul said. "These grants will lift up artists and organizations in every region, fueling local economies and expanding access to the arts. Congratulations to all the grantees – your talent and dedication help power New York's future."

New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallin said, "During these challenging times, the New York State Council on the Arts has been a stalwart and innovative funder. These grants will serve artists and organizations in every region and county, fueling our economy and serving our communities. We know this support isn't just an investment in the arts; it's an investment in New York's future. Congratulations to Mark DeGarmo Dance and thank you for your perseverance, your creativity, and your tireless service to New York State."

New York State Council on the Arts Chair Patrick Willingham said, "With the unwavering support of Governor Hochul and our Legislature, the Council is proud to congratulate this year's grantees, whose collective efforts strengthen and benefit us all. I also want to recognize the work of NYSCA's panelists, staff, and the entire Council, whose dedication has ensured that this critical support will reach every corner of New York State."

About the New York State Council on the Arts

The mission of the New York State Council on the Arts is to foster and advance the full breadth of New York State's arts, culture, and creativity for all. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award over \$161 million in FY 2026, serving organizations and artists across all 10 state regions. The Council on the Arts further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit arts.ny.gov, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, on X @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.

About Mark DeGarmo Dance

Mark DeGarmo Dance began operations in 1982, incorporated in 1987, and will celebrate its 39th anniversary in 2026 as a leading New York City nonprofit dance organization. Its evidence-based Partnerships in Literacy through Dance & Creativity program annually serves up to 1,000 students and 200 teachers in historically under-resourced, geographically isolated, marginalized and disenfranchised Title I NYC public elementary schools. MDD's Professional Learning Program supports MDD's teaching artists and educational program staff with 30-120 hours of annual learning in the company's methods

and methodology. Its Salon Performance Series for Social Change since 2019 has produced

works-in-process and facilitated conversations with audiences and artists in 42 salons featuring 566 total dance and movement artists from 23 states and 31 countries. President Barack Obama commended Mark DeGarmo Dance for your service to your community and the nation. The National Endowment for the Arts deemed MDD's NYC dance education program for under-resourced New York City public elementary students living under the federal poverty rate "a national model." The National Dance Education Organization research shows that 1-7% of USA elementary schools have such a program as MDD's evidence-based Partnerships in Literacy through Dance & Creativity.

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