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Dance/USA is concerned about all those affected by Hurricane Harvey, confronting disaster in their homes, businesses, and communities. Dance/USA has been in touch with dance makers in Houston and as many of you have heard, there is major flooding and damage affecting the arts community. We've heard from many who are concerned about our friends in the Houston area. As the situation stabilizes and once the community has assessed the damage and their needs, Dance/USA will provide ways that the national dance community can support artists affected by Harvey. There already are some resources available to artists, through organizations such as <u>The Actors Fund</u>, which provides information on emergency financial assistance and resources. Additionally, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is coordinating with the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Division of the Arts in the Louisiana Office of Cultural Development to assess the situation and those arts organizations. Please the by Hurricane Harvey. The NEA is prepared to direct additional funds to these agencies for regranting to affected organizations. Please let us know if you have any questions.

About Dance/USA

We believe that dance is essential to a healthy society, demonstrating the infinite possibilities for human expression and potential, and facilitating communication within and across cultures. We are committed to honoring, nurturing and advancing dance through the lens of diversity, inclusion and equal opportunity in all aspects of our programming, services and organization.

Dance/USA is the national service organization for the professional dance field. Established in 1982, Dance/USA sustains and advances professional dance by addressing the needs, concerns, and interests of artists, administrators, and organizations. By providing national leadership and services, Dance/USA enhances the infrastructure for dance creation and distribution, education, and dissemination of information. Learn more about Dance/USA by visiting our website, <u>danceusa.org</u>.

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