Announced in July 2015 on the occasion of the 25th anniversary year of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Dance/NYC’s Disability. Dance. Artistry. initiative aims to advance inclusion and access to the art form for disabled people. This work extends Dance/NYC’s core services including action-oriented research, advocacy, technological resources through Dance.NYC, leadership training, networking, and convening, and grantmaking as well as the organizational values of justice, equity, and inclusion embedded into all aspects of its programs and services.

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