REHEARSAL SPACE

The following represent organizations that offer subsidized rehearsal space to dance artists through the New York City Dance Rehearsal Space Subsidy Program from May 2022 through December 2024. Administered by Dance/NYC and made possible by the Mellon Foundation, the purpose of the program is to make affordable rehearsal space available to dance makers who are in critical need of space for the creation and development of their work, while also fostering a more inclusive and just dance field. By addressing financial barriers to accessing artistic development space, this program aims to advance dance artistry in the five boroughs of New York City and contribute to the field’s overall diversity, sustainability, resilience, and health. While dance rehearsal space facilities are the direct recipients of funding, individual dance artists and dance making organizations are the primary intended beneficiaries of the program. Through the program, dance artists and small budget dance making organizations/groups will have access to affordable, accessible rehearsal spaces in all five boroughs of New York City at rates ranging from $5-$10 per hour. Learn more at Dance.NYC.

Abrons Arts Center
466 Grand Street, New York, NY 10002

For more than a century, Abrons Arts Center has been a home for artists to explore, experiment, investigate, and create. The need for affordable and professional spaces to make work is clear in NYC. With the support of Dance/NYC, we are offering accessible rehearsal space to dance makers at a subsidized rate, reducing financial barriers to the creative process.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: abronsartscenter.org/rentals

Ballet Hispánico
167 West 89th Street, New York, NY 10024

State-of-the-art rental space for rehearsals, events, and performances on Manhattan’s Upper West Side. Amenities include hardwood and marley flooring, high ceilings and full-length mirrors, pianos, furniture and equipment, on-site production company, and more. Perfect for dance, theater, and musical groups.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: ballethispanico.org/studio-rentals

Cora Dance
358 Van Brunt Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231

Founded in 1998 under Artistic Director Shannon Hummel, Cora Dance creates exceptional dance experiences while addressing barriers that restrict individuals from accessing the art form. Cora’s programs foster diverse people finding common ground, allowing all involved — artists, students, audiences and community members — to authentically connect through art. After securing a permanent home with a long-term lease in 2018, Cora has successfully grown into a thoughtfully integrated dance and equity-based education center that houses professional companies, youth companies, dance education programs, and subsidized space rentals. Cora Dance, with the support of Dance/NYC’s Rehearsal Space Subsidy Program, will provide subsidized space rentals in Cora’s 800+ sq ft studio with sprung floors, adjustable lighting, private bathrooms, mirrors with curtains, and access to lounge and storage space.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: https://coradance.org/space-rental-1

CPR - Center for Performance Research
361 Manhattan Avenue, Unit 1, Brooklyn, NY 11211

CPR – Center for Performance Research is dedicated to supporting artists in the development of new work in contemporary dance and performance. CPR focuses its activities in three key areas: creative and professional development support; providing affordable space for artists; and public programming. Curated and open-call programs focus on providing artists with rehearsal, residency, and performance support, which generates time and space for research and dialogue, and creates opportunities to share work in a variety of contexts. CPR’s Subsidized Space Rental Program helps to ensure that artists can access CPR’s
flexible studios and performance space at affordable rates to create and share their work. By presenting work to the public through performances, work-in-progress showings, salon-style discussions, exhibitions, and festivals, CPR exposes local audiences and its community to contemporary artistic practice and process.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: cprnyc.org/rentals

CUNY Dance Initiative
A groundbreaking residency program that opens the doors of CUNY college campuses to professional choreographers and dance companies, the CUNY Dance Initiative (CDI) supports local artists, enhances the cultural life and education of college students, and builds new dance audiences at CUNY performing arts centers. CDI was developed in response to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation’s 2010 report “We Make Do,” which cited how destabilizing the shortage of affordable rehearsal space in New York City is to the dance field, and was officially launched in 2014. With the support of Dance/NYC’s Rehearsal Space Subsidy Program, CDI is offering current and former resident artists the opportunity to rent additional rehearsal space on partner CUNY campuses.

CUNY Dance Initiative is offering subsidized rehearsal space to current and former CDI artists.

Dance Theatre of Harlem
466 West 152nd Street (between Amsterdam and St. Nicolas Avenues), New York, NY 10031
Located in the Sugar Hill neighborhood since 1969, Dance Theatre of Harlem’s Everett Center for the Performing Arts houses four dance studios, a conference room, classroom, locker rooms and restrooms, and outdoor terrace for interested rental clients. All studios have recently upgraded sound systems and a new dance floor was installed in January 2019. In addition subsidized physical therapy services are available for eligible nonprofit dance companies.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, contact: [email protected]

Dancewave
182 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217
Dancewave provides access to supportive and empowering dance experiences that center social, emotional and cognitive development through movement. Founded by Diane Jacobowitz in 1995, Dancewave fosters a culture where dance is celebrated as a healing and inclusive art form. The 1,400 sq foot Dancewave Center studio is a fully ADA compliant and LEED-gold certified facility, offering numerous accessibility features and supporting a variety of community needs.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: dancewave.org/studio-rentals

Fourth Arts Block (FABnyc)
70 East 4th Street, New York, NY 10003
Dance Block is a program of FABnyc, a team of artists and organizers working to preserve, strengthen, and grow the cultural vibrancy of the Lower East Side. The Dance Block programs provides subsidized rehearsal space in five studios on East 4th Street. Downtown Art, at 70 East 4th Street, has two spaces that are ADA accessible - a black box theater and a loft studio. Full details on spaces, availability, registration, and booking on our website.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: fabnyc.org/danceblock

Gibney
Gibney: Agnes Varis Performing Arts Center, 280 Broadway (entrance at 53A Chambers Street), New York, NY 10007
Gibney has been making space for dance in New York City since its founding in 1991. The organization is proud to be a steward to two beautiful facilities in Lower Manhattan: Gibney Choreographic Center at 890 Broadway and Gibney: Agnes Varis Performing Arts Center at 280 Broadway. Both facilities make up a vibrant performing arts complex comprised of 23 studios and five performance spaces.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: gibbonyc.org/rentals

Green Space
37-24 24th Street, Suite 211, Long Island City, NY 11101
Green Space, home of resident company Valerie Green/Dance Entropy is a cultural front-runner in Long Island City, Queens, the spacious 1800 square-foot studio and performance venue is an incubator: a place for dancers, choreographers, teachers, and community members alike to gather and experience dance where it's created. As a 24/7 resource, Green Space aims to provide an affordable, welcoming environment for rehearsals, classes, and performance opportunities. Come dance with us!

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: greenspacestudio.org/space
Hi-ARTS
215 East 99th Street, New York, NY 10029
Hi-ARTS is a Harlem-based cultural hub exclusively dedicated to supporting artists developing work within Hip-Hop and urban aesthetics. Through artistic development residencies, vibrant multi-disciplinary creative programming, and civic engagement opportunities, we empower artists to develop bold new work while creating a positive, lasting impact on our community. Hi-ARTS supports emerging and established theater, performance, and visual artists to develop and present new work. We engage directly with the community through our artists, educational programming, and partnerships.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: https://www.hi-artsnyc.org/rental

Mark Morris Dance Group
3 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217
The mission of the Mark Morris Dance Group (MMDG) is to develop, promote, and sustain dance, music, and opera productions by Mark Morris and to serve as a cultural resource to engage and enrich the community. Since opening the Mark Morris Dance Center in 2001, MMDG has offered subsidized studio rentals with the aim to reduce barriers to accessing high-quality creation, rehearsal, and showcase spaces for independent dance artists and companies based in New York City. Now serving 700 renters per year— with a Priority Access opportunity for BIPOC artists—the Dance Center offers eight professional studios: seven with sprung floors covered with Marley PVC and one with hardwood. Committed to supporting NYC’s creative economy, MMDG also provides extensive free and low-cost teaching artist and music training, professional development, and employment opportunities for dancemakers and musicians.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: markmorrisdancegroup.org/dance-center/space-rental/

Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center
3415 Olinville Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467
Serving the arts community since 1978, Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center offers large, light filled dance rehearsal studios with amenities such as sprung wood floors, barres, mirrors and pianos. Mind-Builders also offers extensive free and subsidized dance, fitness, and music classes for ages 3-adult, as well as workshops and internships for teens in theater, visual art, and folk arts.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: https://www.mind-builders.org/contact/space-rental.html

Movement Research
122 Community Center: 150 First Avenue, New York, NY 10003
Eden's Expressway: 537 Broadway, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10012
Movement Research has two gorgeous studio spaces with natural light and sprung wood floors covered with marley at the 122 Community Center for rent through the New York City Dance Rehearsal Space Subsidy program. Located on the ground floor in an ADA compliant building, the Courtyard Studio is 960 sq ft. (approximately 21.5’ x 43’) and the Ninth Street Studio is 2250 sq ft. (approximately 26’ x 86’). Additionally, Movement Research offers rehearsal space for rent at Eden’s Expressway (subsidized by NYSCA), a beautiful, well maintained column-free space (35’ x 40’) with an excellent sprung wood floor, partial mirrors (curtains can be drawn) and bright light in SoHo. Eden’s Expressway is located in a building that is not fully ADA compliant. All Movement Research studios are available to rent for dance rehearsals at $10/hour.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: movementresearch.org/studio-space

National Dance Institute
217 West 147th Street, New York, NY 10039
The National Dance Institute Center for Learning & the Arts, located in the heart of Harlem, is designed to further NDI’s mission and expand the organization’s reach, serving as a beacon for children, teachers, and artists locally and globally. The 18,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility houses four studios available for rentals: the Howard Gilman Performance Space, which seats 150 audience members and also functions as a rehearsal studio, as well as three additional dance studios. Our studio rental hours are currently 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Please contact Mike Pitsikoulis, Technical & Facilities Director, with any inquiries: [email protected].

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: https://nationaldance.org/about-ndi/rentals/

New York Live Arts
219 West 19th Street, New York, NY 10011
Located centrally in Chelsea, New York Live Arts houses two state-of-the-art studios that are rented on an hourly basis for
rehearsals, classes/workshops, auditions, and informal showings, as well as commercial ventures. The studios are open daily from 10am-10pm and space must be booked online in advance through MindBody.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: clients.mindbodyonline.com

Open Jar Studios
1601 Broadway, 11th Floor, (Broadway and 48th Street - Enter on 48th) New York, NY 10019

Open Jar Studios is dedicated to the creation of art and the cultivation of the artist. Our 22 column-fee rehearsal studios overlook Times Square across two floors, with sizes ranging from two 4,000 square foot studios to more intimate vocal rooms. With the support of Dance/NYC, we are offering 12 accessible, windowed dance studios with sprung marley flooring, pianos, mirrors, and curtains at a subsidized rate. All spaces have access to high-speed WIFI, free daily lockers, and a common kitchen and lounge area.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: https://www.openjarstudios.com/studios

PMT Dance Studio
28 West 25th Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10010

Founded in 2001, PMT House of Dance has provided artists with equitable, accessible and affordable space and opportunities in the arts. Now located in the Flatiron District, PMT offers ADA complaint studios with a variety of options to best suit the individual needs of an artist. With a personalized approach and easy ways to book, we now offer $10.00 subsidized space through the DanceNYC Rehearsal Space Subsidy Program.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: https://www.pmthouseofdance.com/rentals

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden
1000 Richmond Terrace, Building G, 2nd Floor, Staten Island, NY 10301

The Dance Center at Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden in Building G includes three expansive, state-of-the-art dance studios available for classes, rehearsals, residencies and other related programming. Our spacious studios include two with 30’ x 40’ hardwood floors, and one 30’ x 40’ with marley flooring and ballet barres; all are well lit with natural light, and shower and restroom access on the floor. The Dance Center is located on Snug Harbor’s historic 83-acre grounds, converted from a 19th century rest home for sailors to a regional arts center with 28 historic buildings, 14 distinctive botanical gardens, a two-acre urban farm, wetlands and park land on a unique, free, open campus.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: snug-harbor.org/dancecenter

The Floor
310 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11201

The Floor was founded in 2017 by Jamie Dowd and Violaine Huisman. The Floor offers studio space for artists and movement instructors as well as ongoing book discussions, an Artist in Residence Program and Instructor Cooperative. Our philosophy is to provide support to better care for one another. The main studio is a 1100 square-foot (44x25), column free space, equipped with full length mirrors, a Bose sound system and well maintained wood floors. It functions as a movement studio, available for rehearsals, showings, group classes and workshops.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: https://www.theflooronatlantic.com/rentals

TOPAZ ARTS
55-03 39th Avenue, Woodside, Queens, NY 11377

TOPAZ ARTS is a 2,500 sq. ft. creative development space founded in 2000 by artists Todd B. Richmond and Paz Tanjuaquio. Our Space Rental Program offers affordable space to the dance community with subsidized rates of $10/hour. Primarily for contemporary dance rehearsals, TOPAZ ARTS maintains an unobstructed 1,250sf (25’ x 48’) dance studio with a marley-laid, sprung, radiant-heated floor; 13-ft high ceiling with a large skylight; full-length mirrors, equipped with audio/video monitor, free WiFi; and kitchen amenities & filtered drinking water.

To book subsidized rehearsal space, visit: topazarts.org/artist-services