

# CUNY DANCE INITIATIVE

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## CUNY Dance Initiative Announces Awarded Artists for 2022-23 Residency Cycle

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New York, NY, September 13, 2022 — The CUNY Dance Initiative (CDI), a transformative residency program for New York City choreographers and dance companies on CUNY campuses in all five boroughs, announces 25 awarded artists for the 2022–23 residency cycle.

**The 2022-23 season – CDI’s ninth cycle -- is its largest, both in the number of host venues and the artists it is supporting.** The program now partners with three arts organizations in the boroughs, in addition to its core 13 CUNY colleges: Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden (Staten Island); Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning (Queens), and Brooklyn Arts Exchange (Brooklyn). These partnerships expand CDI’s impact as it extends its resources to a new cohort of artists at what remains a critical time for the NYC dance field.

From July 2022 to June 2023, CDI is underwriting residencies for 25 early to mid-career choreographers (complete list below), selected from a pool of 201 applicants. The 2022-23 artists reflect both the City and CUNY’s cultural vibrancy, and work in a variety of dance styles, from modern dance to street forms; ballet to tap; and African to flamenco. Approximately half of the residencies will culminate in public performances, including the NYC premiere of Joshua Beamish/MOVETHECOMPANY’s *@giselle* (On Stage At Kingsborough), and the world premiere of RudduR Dance’s *WITNESS* trilogy (Baruch Performing Arts Center). The remaining residencies are for creative development in a studio or theater, and all include master classes, workshops, and artist Q&A’s to directly connect artists with their host CUNY communities.

"CDI provides an unparalleled commitment in matching artists and presenters for residency and performance engagements," says Joshua Beamish, director of Joshua Beamish/MOVETHECOMPANY. "Production residencies are incredibly hard to come by in New York. Our stage residency at Kingsborough will enable the necessary realization of *@giselle*’s complex integration of 3D projection technology. Without this support, we would not have the time to include these vital components."

"This will be the second time that the CUNY Dance Initiative has been vital to RudduR Dance," says director/choreographer Christopher Rudd. "In 2018, we premiered the first section of *WITNESS* at Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture via a CDI residency. This support in the early stages of the development gave me the trust and confidence that *WITNESS* has an important role

to play in today's society. It feels like a full circle moment that the complete *WITNESS* trilogy will have its World Premiere at Baruch Performing Arts Center in Spring 2023”.

Details on public performances will be announced in the coming months.

**2022–23 CUNY Dance Initiative Resident Artists**

**Baruch College: Baruch Performing Arts Center (Manhattan)**

LayeRhythm  
RudduR Dance

**BMCC: Tribeca Performing Arts Center (Manhattan)**

Danielle Diniz

**Brooklyn College** in partnership with **Brooklyn Arts Exchange** (Arts & Social Justice Residency)

Anna Gichan

**Brooklyn College: Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts** (Brooklyn)

Annie Rigney

**The City College of New York: City College Center for the Arts** (Manhattan)

Tislarm Bouie/Planet Bouie  
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**College of Staten Island: Department of Performing and Creative Arts**, in partnership with **Snug Harbor Cultural Center** (Staten Island)

J. Bouey  
Yaa Samaar! Dance Theatre

**Hostos Community College: Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture** (Bronx)

Jon Lehrer Dance Company  
Music from the Sole

**John Jay College: Gerald W. Lynch Theater** (Manhattan)

MorDance  
Rocha Dance Theater

**Kingsborough Community College: On Stage At Kingsborough** (Brooklyn)

Joshua Beamish/MOVETHECOMPANY  
FJK Dance

**LaGuardia Community College: LaGuardia Performing Arts Center** (Queens)

Arsenal Movement dance project  
Isaac Iskra

**Lehman College: Department of Dance and Theatre** (Bronx)

Alethea Pace  
Soul Project Dance Company

**Queensborough Community College: Dance Program (Queens)**

Ariyan Johnson / D.I.M.A.B.A.

Jazelynn Goudy

Passion Fruit Dance Company

**Queens College: Kupferberg Center for the Arts & Department of Drama, Theatre, & Dance**

A Palo Seco Flamenco Company

FANIKE! African Dance Troupe

**York College, in partnership with Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning (Queens)**

A Lady in the House Co./Nubian Néné

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**ABOUT THE CUNY DANCE INITIATIVE**

**The CUNY Dance Initiative (CDI)** is a transformative incubator that secures two vital yet scarce resources—rehearsal time and performance space—for New York City choreographers and dance companies. Housed within the City University of New York (CUNY)—the nation’s largest public urban university system—CDI is a residency program that 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 community. Since its official launch in 2014, CDI has subsidized and facilitated 200+ residencies—from emerging choreographers to established dance companies—at 13 CUNY colleges in all five boroughs.

The CUNY Dance Initiative receives major support from the Howard Gilman Foundation and the Mertz Gilmore Foundation. Additional support is provided by the SHS Foundation, Jerome Robbins Foundation, and Harkness Foundation for Dance, the National Endowment for the Arts, and public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council. CDI is part of Dance/NYC’s New York City Dance Rehearsal Space Subsidy Program, made possible by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. CDI is spearheaded and administered by the Kupferberg Center for the Arts at Queens College.

More information about the CUNY Dance Initiative is available via [www.cuny.edu/danceinitiative](http://www.cuny.edu/danceinitiative) or on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

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