CUNY Dance Initiative Announces 2015 Residencies

New York, NY, December 3, 2014 — The CUNY Dance Initiative (CDI) is awarding 26 dance companies/choreographers residencies at 11 CUNY colleges in 2015. A new residency program heading into its second year, CDI opens the doors of CUNY campuses to New York City choreographers and dance companies by assisting the colleges with artist fees, rehearsal expenses, and marketing efforts.

Between January and December 2015, 11 CUNY colleges in all five boroughs will host a total of 26 residencies. The residency artists and their projects represent a range of ideas and styles that reflect the diversity of the CUNY communities. In addition to providing space for artists to create work and rehearse, all of the CDI projects include programs for students — master classes, open rehearsals — along with public events such as lecture-demonstrations and performances.

Artists were selected through an open application process, and each campus chose its residency companies. Four artists from 2014 are continuing their residencies in 2015 (indicated by a *), and a complete list of CUNY colleges and 2015 residency artists follows.

**Baruch College: Baruch Performing Arts Center**
- Brendan Drake Choreography/Brendan Drake
- Decadancetheatre
- Eva Dean Dance

**Brooklyn College: Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts**
- Ase Dance Theatre Collective
- MBDance*

**The City College of New York: Center for the Arts**
- Broken Box Mime Theater
- From the Horse’s Mouth/Clark Center NYC
College of Staten Island: Department of Performing and Creative Arts  
   Dance To The People*  
   KineticArchitecture Dance Theatre  

Hostos Community College: Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture  
   Bennyroyce Dance  
   Full Circle Productions*  

John Jay College: Gerald W. Lynch Theater  
   Dzul Dance  
   Mark Gindick  

Kingsborough Community College: On Stage at Kingsborough  
   Dance Heginbotham  
   Daniel Gwirtzman Dance Company  
   Mariela Franganillo Dance Company  

LaGuardia Community College: LaGuardia Performing Arts Center  
   Cindy Salgado/Shook Ones  
   stringdance+media  
   Torkomada, Inc.  

Lehman College: Department of Dance and Theatre  
   Ephrat Asherie Dance  
   Rocha Dance Theater  

Queensborough Community College: Department of Health, Physical Education, and Dance  
   Dante Brown|Warehouse Dance  
   Tiffany Mills Company*  

Queens College: Kupferberg Center for the Arts  
   Gabrielle Lamb/Gyre and Gimble  
   InTW/ Hsiao-Wei Hsieh & Hsiao-Ting Hsieh  
   Limón Dance Company  

ABOUT THE CUNY DANCE INITIATIVE  
The CUNY Dance Initiative is a new residency program providing rehearsal and performance space to New York City choreographers and dance companies. CDI was developed in response to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation’s 2010 report “We Make Do,” which cited the critical need for affordable dance rehearsal space in New York City, and mentioned available performing arts centers and other spaces on CUNY campuses. A successful pilot project in 2013 supporting choreographic residencies and performances on four CUNY campuses prompted CDI to expand its scope, with 10 colleges hosting 19 residencies in 2014.  

The Kupferberg Center for the Arts at Queens College is the administrator of CDI. CDI is supported by a lead two-year grant from the New York Community Trust, with additional two-year funding from the Mertz Gilmore Foundation.  

For more information about the CUNY Dance Initiative, visit www.cuny.edu/danceinitiative or follow CDI on Facebook.

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