

CUNY DANCE INITIATIVE

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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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