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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS
AND THE
LOS ANGELES DANCE WORKERS COALITION
ANNOUNCE SELECTIONS
FOR
*DANCE IN THE DISTRICTS***

Los Angeles - The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and the **Los Angeles Dance Workers Coalition** announced panel selections of 22 dancers and choreographers who reside or work in **Council Districts 2, 3, 8, and 10** to create online performances for the pilot program, ***Dance in the Districts***. As part of the program award, applicants will produce, present, and film a 1 to 3-minute virtual, online performance piece that is family friendly, free, and publicly accessible for DCA, LADWC, and other partner organization websites, culminating in a screening that will be accessible online later this year.

Performances will be produced, presented, and filmed in the Council District that the artist is affiliated with, and highlight a location within that district that holds value to the dancer such as a park, street, business, home, or public space, among others. Each award consists of a \$1,000 artist’s fee and a \$1,000 production fee. Production costs include: rehearsing, costuming, videography, collaborators, marketing, administration, and other costs related to the production including public space permits, equipment, or venue rentals. Funding is sourced through DCA’s **Madrid Theatre Cultural Hub (MaTCH)** and the **Leimert Park Cultural Hub (LPCH)** supporting the geographic selection of artists.

The ***Dance in the Districts*** selected artists for **LPCH for Council Districts 8 and 10** are: **Haniyyah Tahirah, Rachel Hernandez, Bernard Brown, Gabriel Gutierrez, Micha Moch, Darrel Dunn, Aerick Luckie, Jamie Carabetta, Imani Jackson, Shauna Davis, and Teresa Barcelo.**

The ***Dance in the Districts*** selected artists for **MaTCH for Council Districts 2 and 3** are: **Nadia Calmet, Vanessa Cruz, Ashley Gomez, Olivia Mia Orozco,**

Thalia Ramos, Rachana Upadhyay, Kileigh Williams, Danielle Yasuda, Louise Reichlin, Sushma Mohan, and Larisa Carlson.

"DCA is proud to support *Dance in the Districts*, an initiative created to serve LA dancers impacted by the devastating effects of COVID-19. Through contemporary choreography and dance, this initiative will help to amplify the physical expression of these 22 artists to communicate with and uplift their audiences," said **Daniel Tarica, Department of Cultural Affairs Interim General Manager.**

ABOUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DCA)

As a leading, progressive arts and cultural agency, DCA empowers Los Angeles's vibrant communities by supporting and providing access to quality visual, literary, musical, performing, and educational arts programming; managing vital cultural centers; preserving historic sites; creating public art; and funding services provided by arts organizations and individual artists.

Formed in 1925, DCA promotes arts and culture as a way to ignite a powerful dialogue, engage LA's residents and visitors, and ensure LA's varied cultures are recognized, acknowledged, and experienced. DCA's mission is to strengthen the quality of life in Los Angeles by stimulating and supporting arts and cultural activities, ensuring public access to the arts for residents and visitors alike.

DCA advances the social and economic impact of arts and culture through grant-making; public art; community arts; performing arts; and strategic marketing, development, design, and digital research. DCA creates and supports arts programming, maximizing relationships with other city agencies, artists, and arts and cultural nonprofit organizations to provide excellent service in neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles.

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ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES DANCE WORKERS COALITION (LADWC)

The Los Angeles Dance Worker Coalition (LADWC) is a goal-oriented effort by an alliance of dance professionals invested in collective action and advocacy for dance in Los Angeles. The LADWC, a volunteer based coalition, aims to provide equitable support to the diverse tapestry of individual dance workers who contribute to the vibrant culture of Los Angeles. For more information on LADWC, please visit [Los Angeles Dance Worker Coalition](http://LosAngelesDanceWorkerCoalition.org).

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