

Dear Dance NJ Community,

As the new Executive Director of Dance New Jersey, I am bursting with gratitude, pride and optimism - **Gratitude** for the visionaries who founded this organization 25 years ago, **Pride** in our clear sighted [mission](#) and the excellent and inclusive programming we are offering this season, and **Optimism** for the next 25 years!

As the year draws to an end, I thank you for helping us sustain a diverse and equitable dance community in our state by joining our **\$25 for 25 years** campaign.

Here's a snapshot of how your donations serve our NJ dance community:

1. **DNJFest '24** featuring Hip Hop Visionary [Rennie Harris](#), "First Look" Auditions for High School and College dance students, a wellness-oriented Vendors Market, and classes in Bollywood, Salsa, West African Dance, and Capoeira at Rutgers Mason Gross School for the Arts
2. Professional Development workshop with Tap icon [Jason Samuels Smith](#) at OCVTS Grunin Performing Arts Center
3. \$23000 in re-grants to individual artists, at least 50% of whom identify as BIPOC, in partnership with the NJ Arts and Culture Renewal Fund
4. **Show Up & Dance!** - A shared performance and network opportunity for NJ dance professionals and students to connect and present new works at Montclair State University
5. Our upcoming film screening of Focus Features documentary **STEP** at Hoboken's Mile Square Theatre
6. Biannual Connection calls helping our nonprofits, educators, and studio owners connect and share resources

Dance New Jersey is rooted in community, and we are thankful for you and for your donation to our **\$25 for 25 years** celebration of this milestone anniversary year. Together, we will remain #dancenewjerseystrong for the next 25 years!

Sincerely,

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