

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

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Coronavirus Dance Relief Fund: New York State Edition Review Panels

Purpose of the Review Panel

To advise and assist in reviewing applications to the Coronavirus Dance Relief Fund: New York State Edition and achieving the Fund's goals.

Dance/NYC provided a Panelist Guide, which included a full overview of the funding priorities, evaluation criteria and scoring rubric to aid panelists in determining the final group of recipients.

Tier I: Individual Dance Makers [Panelist Guide](#) and Panelists:

- Anthony Alterio, Assistant Professor of Dance, SUNY at Fredonia & Co-Director, Excessive Realness (Western NY)
- Benjamin Zender, Artist and Performance Studies Researcher (Syracuse)
- Danni Gee, Dance Curator & Programs Manager, SummerStage (NYC)
- Devon Sutton, Independent Artist (Colton)
- Gregory Cary, Independent Artist/Producer, Co-Founder Kaatsbaan Cultural Park (Upper Hudson Valley)
- Gregory A. Youdan Jr (he/him), Dance Science Researcher (NYC)
- Hayden Haynes, Independent Artist (Western NY)
- Jacqueline Davis, Dance Professor Emerita, SUNY Brockport (Western NY)
- Karesia Batan, Founding Director, Queensboro Dance Festival | The Physical Plant (NYC)
- Keioui Keijaun Thomas, Independent Artist (NYC)
- Kiebpoli Calnek, Independent Artist, Black*Acrobat (NYC)
- Leighann Kowalsky, Director of Operations, Contemporary Circus and Immersive Arts Center (Capital District)
- Omar Ingram, Programs Director/Co-Executive Lead, The International Association of Blacks in Dance (NYC)
- Rosita Adamo, Independent Dancer and Instructor, 171 Cedar Street Arts Center (Corning)
- Sunita Iqbal, Arts Consultant (NYC)

Tier II: Dance Making Organizations/Groups [Panelist Guide](#) and Panelists:

- Brian Hyunsuk Lee, Regrants Program Officer, Central New York Arts (Syracuse)
- Bryan E. Glover, Deputy Director Grants and Programs, Bronx Council on the Arts (NYC)
- Cynthia Williams, Dance Professor, Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Ontario)
- James Self, Dancer, NYS DanceForce Member (Tompkins County)
- Julia del Palacio, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Development, Kupferberg Center for the Arts | Queens College (NYC)
- Kieran Johnson, Executive Director, Huntington Arts Council (Huntington)
- Kim Engel, Associate Director, University of Albany Performing Arts Center/NYS Dance Force Member (Capital Region)
- Lauren Nordvig, Programs Manager, Brooklyn Arts Council (NYC)
- Leah Krauss, Senior Program Officer, Mertz Gilmore Foundation (NYC)
- Lilia Pérez, Grants and Programs Manager, Arts Mid-Hudson (Mid Hudson Valley)
- Linda Murray, The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts (NYC)
- Minila Shah, Choreographer, Dance Educator and Director of Ajna Dance Company (NYC)
- Signe Ballew, Grants & Gallery Manager, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (Delaware County)
- Susan "Sue" Abbott, Director of Grant Programs, Arts Westchester (Westchester County)
- Victoria Kappel, Statewide Community Regrants Coordinator, Earlville Opera House (Chenango County)