



Accessing content and features on Dance.NYC

Dance/NYC strives to make website content and features accessible to all users. The Dance/NYC website has implemented standards and best practices to assist users (blind, low-vision, deaf, hard of hearing, and/or those with other disabilities) access and contribute website content.

Navigating Dance.NYC:

For users who do not use a mouse, the majority of the website has been formatted to allow keyboard navigation using the tab key and cursor arrows. It has also been optimized for blind and low-vision users. Our hope is that these considerations make Dance/NYC's online offerings easier to use and that we can eventually expand these features.

Accessing Video Content on Dance.NYC:

For deaf, hard of hearing, blind and low-vision users, Dance/NYC's website utilizes YouTube's closed caption and transcript features to make video and audio content accessible both visually and via screen reader.

For Low-Vision Users:

The appearance of Dance.NYC can be adjusted using web browser and operating system settings to adjust font, text size, text and background colors, and screen magnification.

There are many helpful resources with instructions to make visual adjustments for various operating systems and browsers. We recommend the BBC's How To Guide on vision accessibility: http://www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/guides/vision_index.shtml

Below are a few general tips for maximizing visibility of website content within your browser. Note that instructions vary based on operating system, browser and version.

Adjusting browser zoom levels:

On many browsers, screen magnification is available using one of the following options:

- Most browsers support Ctrl+ (Windows) or Command+ (Mac) keyboard shortcuts to increase the magnification of the browser window. Press and hold Ctrl (Windows) or Command (Mac) while pressing + to zoom in, - to zoom out, or 0 (zero) to reset.
- In most browsers, "Zoom" options can also be found under the "View" menu.

Changing font and text size:

- Google Chrome:
 - Click on Chrome menu (three parallel lines at the top right of the window), then navigate to and select Settings.
 - Scroll down and select "Show advanced settings."
 - Continue scrolling to the "Web content" heading. Here you can adjust settings for font and text size.
 - Alternately, type `chrome://settings/fonts` into your browser and hit "Enter". This will take you directly to the font settings dialogue.
- Mozilla Firefox:
 - Click on the Firefox menu (three parallel lines at the top right of the browser), then navigate to and select Options.
 - Navigate to the Content tab. Here you can adjust settings for font, text size, and colors. Note that the advanced tab also contains an option to set a minimum font size.
 - Alternately, type `about:preferences#content` into your browser. This will take you directly to the Content tab within the Options section.
- Microsoft Edge
 - Click the More Actions button (three dots at the top right of the window), then select Settings.
 - Scroll down to the Reading section. Here you can adjust the Reading View style and font size.
- Microsoft Internet Explorer
 - Click the gear icon in the upper right-hand corner of the window, then navigate to and select Internet Options.
 - This will open the General tab of the Internet Options dialog. At the bottom of this tab, you will see an Appearance heading with options for Colors and Fonts. In addition to setting default colors and fonts, the Accessibility button within this section allows you to ignore website colors, fonts, and text sizes.

- Safari
 - From the Safari menu, select Preferences.
 - Navigate to the Advanced tab.
 - Here you can set a minimum font size (see the accessibility menu) or enable your own style sheet.

For blind and/or low-vision users:

The content of Dance.NYC can be accessed using text-to-speech programs ranging from operating system accessibility features, to screen reader applications, to talking browsers.

There are many helpful resources that outline the various text-to-speech programs available. For more details, we recommend the BBC's How To Guide on accessibility for blind individuals: http://www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/guides/blind_index.shtml

Below is some introductory information on available accessibility tools for blind individuals.

Operating System text-to-speech

- Windows 7
 - Press the Windows key + U to open the Ease of Access Center. Alternately, click Start, then Control Panel, then Ease of Access, and then Ease of Access Center.
 - Under the "Quick access to common tools" menu, click the Start Narrator button to initialize narration for your current session.
 - Once narrator has been enabled, the Microsoft Narrator dialog will appear and will contain options allowing you to select which items the program should read aloud.
 - Useful Narrator shortcuts:
 - Insert + F3 - Read the current character
 - Insert + F4 - Read the current word
 - Insert + F5 - Read the current line
 - Insert + F6 - Read the current paragraph
 - Insert + F7 - Read the current page
 - Insert + F8 - Read the current document

- For more information, see:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/guides/speak_text/computer/win/win7/index.shtml
- OS X
 - Click on the Apple menu or press Ctrl + F2
 - Navigate to and select the System Preferences option.
 - In the System Preferences window navigate to and select the Universal Access icon.
 - This will open the Seeing tab of the Universal Access dialog. Under the VoiceOver heading, select the On option (or press Command + F5) to enable VoiceOver.
 - To change VoiceOver settings, navigate to and select the Open VoiceOver Utility button. This section allows you to specify voice settings as well as many other features including support for braille.
 - For more information, see:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/guides/speak_text/computer/mac/os_x/index.shtml

Screen Reader Applications & Talking Browsers:

- Commercial Screen Reader Applications
 - Window-Eyes - <http://www.gwmicro.com/Window-Eyes/>
 - Jaws - <http://www.freedomscientific.com/Products/Blindness/JAWS>
- Freeware Screen Reader Applications
 - NVDA (NonVisual Desktop Access) - <http://www.nvaccess.org/>
 - NaturalReader - <http://www.naturalreaders.com/>
 - Thunder - <http://www.screenreader.net/>
- Talking Browsers
 - BrowseAloud - <http://www.browsealoud.com/>
 - ClaroRead - <https://www.clarosoftware.com/>
- For more information, see
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/guides/screenreaders/>