

Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission Now Accepting Applications

The New Dance Lab, a partnership between The Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission and Johnson County Community College, is accepting applications for 2018.

The New Dance Lab will allow a select group of established and aspiring dance professionals (age 18+) throughout the state of Kansas the opportunity to participate in an intimate one on one and small group professional development experiences in one of the following areas:

- **The Choreographic Process and How to Create Work: Christian Denise, choreographer based in Chicago, will provide insight on drawing inspiration from around you to influence your aesthetic as a choreographer. He will also discuss the struggles and obstacles in the transition from dancer to choreographer. For more information on Mr. Denise, visit www.christiandenise.com.**
- **Making a Career as a Choreographer: Annabelle Lopez Ochoa, international choreographer based in Amsterdam, Netherlands, will discuss the ins and outs of developing a choreography career. For more information on Ms. Ochoa, visit www.annabellelopezchoa.com.**
- **One-on-Ones with Choreographers, Dancers and Studio Owners: Darrell Grand Moultrie, New York-based choreographer and master teacher, will share his expertise in one-on-ones with topics based on the applicant selected. For choreographers, he would share how to navigate a career, present your work, work with dancers to get their best work, and market yourself. With dancers, he would discuss how to launch a career following school, doing research and why it's important, and how to stay on track with goals. For studio owners, he would talk about how to stay excited and connected to your artistic side. For more information on Mr. Moultrie, visit www.darrellgrandmoultrie.com.**
- **Movement and Social Activism: Lauri Stallings, Atlanta-based choreographer, artist and organizer, would meet with a group of up to ten people to share how choreography can be used as a toolbox for place-keeping, empathy building, and celebration. For information on Ms. Stallings, visit www.lauristallings.org.**

Participants will also have the opportunity to observe a rehearsal conducted by

the corresponding choreographer and receive a pair of complimentary tickets to the New Dance Partners premiere showcase on September 21 or 22, 2018.

“This lab seeks to provide an opportunity for artistic development through meaningful contact with national choreographers and to raise the profile of dance in the region,” says Peter Jasso, Director of the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission. “We welcome Kansas applicants from all backgrounds and dance disciplines.”

A small travel stipend may be available for accepted applicants from outside the Johnson County area. Applications are due by August 28, with notification by August 31. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Workshops will be scheduled individually with participants to take place the week of September 17, 2018.

To submit an application visit <https://kansascaic.submittable.com>.

For more on the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission go to <http://KansasCommerce.gov/caic>.