

Hill Dance Academy Theatre to receive \$150,000 grant from the National Endowments for the Arts as part of the American Rescue Plan [*Washington, DC*]**—Hill Dance Academy Theatre** is pleased to announce they have been approved to receive an American Rescue Plan grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to help the arts and cultural sector recover from the pandemic. **HDAT** is recommended to receive \$150,000 and may use this funding to save jobs, to fund operations and facilities, health and safety supplies, and marketing and promotional efforts to encourage attendance and participation. In total, the NEA will award grants totaling \$57,750,000 to 567 arts organizations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, DC.

“Our nations arts sector has been among the hardest hit by the COVID 19 pandemic. The National Endowment for the Arts’ American Rescue Plan funding will help arts organizations, such as **Hill Dance Academy Theatre**, rebuild and reopen,” said Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson, chair of the NEA. “The arts are crucial in helping America’s communities to heal, unite and inspire, as well as essential to our nation’s economic recovery.”

The American Rescue Plan was signed into law in March 2021 when the NEA was provided \$135 million for the arts sector. The funding for organizations is the third installment providing more than \$57.7 million for arts organizations. In April 2021, the NEA announced \$52 million (40 percent) in ARP funding would be allocated to 62 state, jurisdictional, and regional arts organizations for regranting through their respective programs. The second installment in November 2021 allocated \$20.2 million to 66 local arts agencies for sub-granting to local artists and art organizations.

For more information on the NEA’s American Rescue Plan grants, including other Pittsburgh grantees and the full list of arts organizations funded in this announcement, visit www.arts.gov/COVID-19/the-american-rescue-plan

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