OHIO STATE DANCE integrates movement practice, creative process and theoretical inquiry at the forefront of contemporary dance. Our students become artists, scholars, educators and leaders in the dance field and in their communities.

Our highly competitive BFA, MFA and PhD programs require selective admissions processes. Students interested in our Dance Minor need only apply through the department. Elective classes in a wide range of movement styles and general education courses are available for all who wish to study dance in college.

The Ohio State University Department of Dance bears witness to and shares in the pain of racism directed at Black lives. We want to add our voices, bodies and ideas to the national condemnation of the continued casual killings as we also turn inward, strengthening our commitment to anti-racist thought and action as a community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Faculty and Guest Artists

Dance@30FPS
Dance-Film Festival
Wed.-Thurs., February 8-9, 7 p.m.
Wexner Center for the Arts
Film/Video Theatre

Joe Alter Dance Group
Wed.-Thurs., March 22-23, 8 p.m.
Barnett Theatre, Sullivant Hall

Students

BFA Senior Showing
Student Works-in-Progress
Friday, December 2, 3-5 p.m.
Barnett Theatre, Sullivant Hall

MFA Projects
Performances and Installations
January 2023
Urban Arts Space

MFA Concert
Thurs.-Sat., February 16-18, 8 p.m.
Sat., February 18, 3 p.m.
ACCAD Motion Lab and Barnett Theatre, Sullivant Hall

Culminations
School Tour Group, Brazil Tour Group
& Other Showings
Wednesday, April 19, 8 p.m.
Barnett Theatre, Sullivant Hall

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR:
Momar Ndiaye

PRODUCTION MANAGER:
Jonathan Hunter

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Damian Bowerman

DEPARTMENT CHAIR:
Charles O. Anderson

FACULTY: Harmony Bench, Tanya Calamoneri, Hannah Kosstrin, Nyama McCarthy-Brown, Momar Ndiaye, Crystal Michelle Perkins, Daniel Roberts, Eddie Taketa, Valerie Williams, Abby Zbikowski
Norah Zuniga Shaw

EMERITUS FACULTY: Melanie Bales, Karen Bell, Odette Blum, Michael Kelly Bruce, Dave Covey, Melanye White Dixon, Karen Eliot, M. Candace Feck, Angelika Gerbes, John Giffin, Susan Hadley, Ann Lilly, Sheila Marion, Bebe Miller, Susan Van Pelt Petry, Mitchell Rose, Victoria Urs

LECTURERS: Melanie Bales, Suzan Bradford-Kounta, Ellie Escosa Carter, Nadine George-Graves, Emily Glininski, Steven Ha, Donald Isom, Diana McCullough, Jimmy Orrante, Christian Providence, Jacques Sochacki, Pittman, Sharon Unrau

VISITING ARTISTS/SCHOLARS:
Joe Alter, Dante Puleio

ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL STAFF: Jennifer Adams, Damian Bowerman, Susan Chess, Oded Huberman, Jonathan Hunter, Amy Schmidt, Lindsay Simon

MUSICIANS: Seth Alexander, Matthew Dixon, Phil Brown, Dorin, Medoyne Gueye, Tony Haygood, Jesse “DJ Krate Digga” Jackson, Joowon Kim, Carlton Pope, Kevin Seals, Ruby Ti

STUDENT ASSISTANTS:
Tasneem Al-Hashemi, Vanessa Bonilla, Madison Burris, Zoe Canty, Emma Carver, Alaina Craig, Mercedes Hicks, Faye Leigh, Stacey Moutima, Barry Nickell, Naiya Sayawong, Mare Warr

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

David Horn, PhD
Dean

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All societies are locked in a dialectic relationship with water over time. Our bodies are composed of it. We drink it to survive. It nurtures our food supplies. It falls from our faces. It falls from the sky, comes from the sea, flows over land: floods, droughts, storms are expressions of earth's climate. The theme of water for this fall’s Faculty Concert serves as a point of entry to the myriad ways in which we engage with and are in relationship to water. While not all works are explicitly ‘about’ water per se, the theme provides a lens through which to see each work as a unique expression of life in various forms- as water can take many forms. The theme of water is in support of Global Water Dances Columbus and some of the works of this concert will be presented later this year as part of its events. To learn more about Global Water Dances Columbus please visit: https://globalwaterdancescolumbus.org.

Convergence
CHOREOGRAPHER: Tanya Calamoneri in collaboration with the dancers
COMPOSER: Seth Alexander
DANCERS: Devon Brotzge Brown, Marisa Cook, Vivian Corey, Lex Cuevas, Leila Hill, Naiya Sayavong, Lexi Valent
Swing: Josie Farley

“The Great Pacific Garbage Patch, also known as the Pacific trash vortex, spans waters from the West Coast of North America to Japan...These areas of spinning debris are linked together by the North Pacific Subtropical Convergence Zone, ...where warm water from the South Pacific meets up with cooler water from the Arctic. The zone acts like a highway that moves debris from one patch to another.”

https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/great-pacific-garbage-patch

Tidal Pull
CHOREOGRAPHER: Eddie Taketa in collaboration with the dancers
MUSIC: Susan Chess and Phil Brown Dupont
VIDEO PROJECTIONS: Elizabeth Sugawara
DANCERS: Vanessa Bonilla, Emma Carver, Jordyn Hersch, Forrest Hershey, Sophie Kussman, Kara Philoon, Kelsey Plath, Cai Strachan, Aya Venet

Water Study (1928)
CHOREOGRAPHER: Doris Humphrey (1895-1958)
DIRECTOR: Valerie Williams from the Labanotation scores of Odette Blum and Karen Barracuda by arrangement with the Dance Notation Bureau and Charles Woodford
COACH: Dante Puleio, Artistic Director of José Limón Dance Company

*Disclaimer: Most of the video shots were collected from social media platforms. They were filmed by witnesses, and/or victims who wanted to share their living conditions.

Sources: World Vision, Videezy, Istock, United Nation Water- SDG 6, WhatsApp, Facebook, TikTok.

TEN-MINUTE INTERMISSION

Voice of the Forest
CHOREOGRAPHER: Donald Isom
MUSIC: Beside the Tree by Big Rulez, Sunken II – Kyle Filipz Jenkins, #Brazil by J Rawls, Come Together by The Beatles
LIGHTING DESIGNER: Nicole Lawson
DANCERS: Madison Burris, Zoe Canty, Evelyn Couch, Lex Cuevas, Naiya Dawson, Mercedes Hicks, Julia Hutchings, Sydney Ligon, Abbey Malec-Kenyon, Kei Kei Mock, Ariana Stone, Arie Vasquez, Kianiya Webb, Kierra Williams, Ashton Wise

CANNONBALL
CHOREOGRAPHER: Abby Zbikowski in collaboration with dancers
MUSIC: Raphael Xavier
DANCERS: Mariana Bais, Yitong Chen, Siera Dance, Lucy Dillon, Abby Doerr, Alisha Jihn, Lacy Slaats, Allison Smith, Sofia Zwerdling

Designers for all pieces (unless otherwise indicated)
Lighting Designer: Jonathon Hunter
Costume Designer: Lindsay Simon