



JCCC offers virtual event

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Johnson County Community College's

Carlson

Center Presents

New Dance

Partners Virtual Retrospective

FREE Virtual Event

Fri., Sept. 18 @ 7pm CDT

WHO: Johnson County Community College's Carlson Center Presents, partners with:

- Kansas City Ballet
- Wyllyams/Henry Contemporary Dance Company
- Owen/Cox Dance Group
- Störling Dance Theater

WHAT: Four choreographers and four local dance companies look back on past premieres of works in contemporary and modern dance. All were commissioned and premiered by the Carlson Center at JCCC.

An original film showcases four local dance companies who participated in New Dance Partners over the years. We also

shine the spotlight on each company's artistic director and the choreographer who worked with them in interviews conducted during the "pandemic pause" by Michael Uthoff, New Dance Partners' Artistic Advisor and Executive Director of Dance St. Louis.

For more information, please visit [New Dance Partners Ultimate Collaboration](#)

WHEN: Sept. 18, 2020 at 7pm CDT

HOW: Link can be found at [New Dance Partners Ultimate Collaboration](#) and will be active just prior to Friday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.

Film premiere will be available until midnight, Sept. 20.

New Dance Partners Donor Appreciation

- Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission's Creative Economy Project Support, Kansas Department of Commerce
- Richard J. Stern Arts Foundation, Commerce Bank, Trustee
- George H. Langworthy, Sr.
- Adrienne Kilbride
- G. Mark Sappington and David McGee
- National Endowment for the Arts, Art Works Arts Engagement in American Communities
- Supported in part by the Arthur and Alma Yardley Endowment in the JCCC Foundation

Thank you, also, to JCCC, the Carlsen Center production crew and JCCC Video Services.

About Carlsen Center, Johnson County Community College

The Carlsen Center is Johnson County's performing arts center. Early on, the founders of Johnson County Community College (JCCC) dreamed of building a world-class performing arts venue in Johnson County, Kansas. In 1990, that dream was realized,

and the center soon became a cultural hub for the rapidly growing county. The Carlsen Center's growth parallels that of Johnson County, expanding from 50 events the first season to around 150 annually today. Events include Carlsen Center Presents (CCP), the annual series of around 25 events presented by JCCC that feature professional, internationally known artists in a wide variety of genres; academic branches of JCCC; and community groups who rent the space.

Johnson County Community College has accepted a \$1,000,000 donation intended to provide an ongoing endowment to support the College's Performing Arts Series. These funds will also provide scholarships for students studying creative arts at JCCC. As a feature of the donation, the Carlsen Center will in the future bear the name **Midwest Trust Center**, a local company founded by Brad Bergman. The donors Brad and Libby Bergman are long-time supporters of the College, having co-chaired the JCCC Foundation's annual Some Enchanted Evening Gala – the largest single fundraising event for student scholarships. Brad has also served as Chair of the JCCC Foundation Board of Directors. The Bergmans have been consistent supporters of dozens of activities at JCCC. They have four children, each of whom has benefited from classes taught at the College.

Since 2000, with the development of the Carlsen Center Arts Education program, the Carlsen Center also addresses cultural and art-related program needs in K-12 education. The CC Arts Education programs include school performances at the Carlsen Center, and engagement activities with artists performing in schools. Master classes, lecture/demonstrations, workshops and other opportunities for interaction with students happen throughout the year. CC Arts Education also offers support materials for programs, study guides, concert previews, plus professional development – creative skills workshops and curriculum-building seminars for teachers in arts integration.

The CC Arts Education had a leadership role in the re-establishment of the Kansas Alliance for Arts Education, and in 2014 was named a Kennedy Center Partners in Education site, teamed with the Shawnee Mission School District. An expansion of the Kennedy Center Partnership occurred in 2018 with the addition of the Liberty Schools, and again in 2019, adding Kansas City Young Audiences, making it one of two cross-state Kennedy Center Partnerships in the US. CC Arts Ed is the only Kennedy Center Partner in the state of Kansas.

Please visit [Carlsen Center Events](#) for more information.