

SUMMER UPDATE



ACDA 2016 National Festival

June 9, 10, 11

Washington D.C

Dancing at the Kennedy Center

The **American College Dance Association's 2016 National College Dance Festival** presented three programs featuring some of the finest dance works selected from colleges and universities throughout the country. Each program showcased 10 or 11 dances, with a total of 31 schools participating in the Festival. A different dance program was featured on each date at the matinee and evening performances.

Thank you to all the choreographers, dancers and directors of the participating schools.

Anderson University, Anderson, IN
Belhaven University, Jackson, MS
California State University, Fresno, Fresno, CA
California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA
California State University, Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
Coker College, Hartsville, SC
Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL
Dean College, Franklin, MA
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
Knox College, Galesburg, IL
LIU Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY
Minnesota State University, Mankato, Mankato, MN
Queensborough Community College, Bayside, NY
Radford University, Radford, VA

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA
University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA
University of Hartford/Hartt School, Hartford, CT
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN
University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX
University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
Utah Valley University, Orem, UT
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
Wayne State University, Maggie Alessee Dept. of Theatre/Dance, Detroit, MI
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Western Wyoming Community College, Rock Springs, WY
Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

ACDA/Dance Magazine Awards

The National College Dance Festival grants two awards sponsored by ACDA and Dance Media: the ACDA/Dance Magazine Award for Outstanding Student Choreographer and the ACDA/Dance Magazine Award for Outstanding Student Performer. A panel of three adjudicators viewed student choreography and performances at the National Festival and chose students to receive each award. Panelists Dana Tai Soon Burgess, Jennifer Stahl and Lisa Traiger chose the following recipients for these awards:

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY:

fourtold, choreography by **Alfonso Cervera, Irvin Gonzalez, Hyoin Jun, and Maggie Sniffen** -
University of California, Riverside

"for the sophistication of its comedic approach to voice and movement style. Comedy in dance is not easy, yet this piece pulled it off very successfully. The humor had a freshness that showed true ingenuity."

Outstanding Student Choreography Honorable Mention:

For Example, choreography by **Hannah Ingwerson** in collaboration with the dancers **(James DeSoto, Kyle Her, Farrah McAdam, Maddie Watson)**, Sonoma State University

"for its creative use of structure and changing configurations, particularly among partnerships. The dynamics of the movement highlighted new moments within familiar music."

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT PERFORMANCE:

Tierra Foxworth in **Curveless Smile**,

[choreography by Tierra Foxworth, Coker College]

"The dancer from "Curveless Smile" for the fearless way she embodied a powerful personal testimony. Her delivery had a vulnerability and openness, creating a genuine theatricality."



Outstanding Student Performance Honorable Mention:
Andrew Corpuz, Christopher Jensen, Jonathan Kim, and Kevin V. Lopez in *August*.
[choreography by **Colin Connor** (Guest Artist) - California State University, Fullerton]
"The ensemble of "August" for their heroic and gracious movement. The dancers moved together exceptionally well, sharing a joyful energy on stage."

*See Jennifer Stahl's Dance Magazine article,
[**"How Do You Stand Out at a Dance Festival?"**](#)*

COLLABORATION ACDA & JACOB'S PILLOW

The Jacob's Pillow curatorial panel has invited four dances selected from the ACDA National Festival to be performed at the Pillow at the end of August and all four have accepted. Congratulations to the following dance programs, choreographers and dancers!



A Conversation on Drowning

Rutgers University; Undergraduate Student - Javier Padilla



Un.Framed.

LIU Brooklyn; Guest Artist - Alenka Cizmesija



We Are Greenwood,
Sam Houston State University; Faculty - Elijah Alhadji Gibson



August
California State University, Fullerton; Guest Artist - Colin Connor

The concert will be held on the Inside/Out stage on Thursday, August 25 at 6:15. The concert is free. Please come if you are in the area. Click [here](#) for more information.



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Prejudices, it is well known,
are most difficult to eradicate
from the heart whose soil has
never been loosened or
fertilised by education: they
grow there, firm as weeds
among stones. Charlotte Brontë

Every child is an artist. The
problem is how to remain one
once we grow up. Picasso

I have no special talent. I am
only passionately curious.
Einstein

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