

In the Spotlight...



Our Mission – To support dance creation, presentation, education, and preservation; and to engage and deepen public appreciation and support for dance.

Our Background – Jacob’s Pillow is lauded worldwide as a “hub and mecca of dancing” (*TIME Magazine*), “one of America’s most precious cultural assets” (Mikhail Baryshnikov), and “the dance center of the nation” (*The New York Times*). “The Pillow” is a treasured 220-acre National Historic Landmark, a recipient of the prestigious National Medal of Arts, and home to America’s longest-running international dance festival.

Each year thousands of people from across the U.S. and around the globe visit the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts to experience the Festival with more than 50 dance companies and 350 free performances, talks, and events; train at The School at Jacob’s Pillow, one of the most prestigious professional dance training centers in the U.S.; explore the Pillow’s rare and extensive dance Archives; and take part in numerous Community Programs designed to educate and engage dance audiences of all ages.

Our Blueprint for Success – Jacob’s Pillow continues to expand its mission to support dance creation, presentation, education, and preservation. With the implementation of Vision ‘22, a strategic five-year plan to transform the Pillow into a year-round center for dance, the Pillow has developed programs to better serve the Berkshire community and New England dance artist. New, year-round events consist of convenings, social dances, Pillow Pop-Up performances, and community programming on-site of the Pillow’s 220-acre campus and off-site in neighboring communities. As the Pillow expand into a year-round organization, it is able to grow as a home for the creation of dance, as well as home for our community, providing two-fold support to help us continue to thrive.

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Young audiences at Jacob's Pillow; photo Hayim Heron, courtesy Jacob's Pillow



Collage Dance Collective; photo Brooke Trisolini, courtesy of Jacob's Pillow



Locally-sourced dining options; photo Hayim Heron, courtesy of Jacob's Pillow



FREE Pillow Talks are a curated series of entertaining and informative discussions with choreographers, writers, filmmakers, and cultural experts.