NEW DANCES
THODOS DANCE CHICAGO
NEW HORIZONS

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Thodos Dance Chicago was founded in 1992 by Melissa Thodos, a choreographer, educator, and performer for over 30 years. Our mission is to engage and enrich the community through dance creation, advocacy, education, and mentorship.

TDC celebrated its 25th season in 2017- 2018 and announced an organizational change, which transformed TDC from a touring dance company to a project-based dance organization.

HELLO!

Thodos Dance Chicago (TDC) has been the proud home of *New Dances* (*ND*) for over 25 years. Originating with The Chicago Repertory Dance Ensemble in 1983, *New Dances* came under the umbrella of TDC in 2000 and was in partnership with DanceWorks Chicago from 2018-2025.

In 2025, TDC announced ***New Dances / New Horizons* (*ND / NH*)**, a new initiative providing support for early-career, Chicago-based choreographers through project-based microgrants. *ND / NH* continues TDC's goal to enrich and serve our vibrant commUNITY by shining a light on artists' creativity and supporting opportunities for their continued growth, while building upon the *New Dances* legacy of developing choreographic talent in the Chicagoland community!

Ten, diverse, Chicago-based, early-career choreographers were selected through a competitive application process. As a part of the pilot year wrap up for *ND / NH*, TDC will host an intimate celebration dinner at Elia Chicago for grantees and selection panelists, with the goal of providing a space for guests to connect, network, and share their creative journey during the grant period.

Make your presence felt by sponsoring a **Wish List** item for ***New Dances / New Horizons***. Select an item to support, and **let's do the Happy Dance together!**

___ A seat at the TABLE! **Support dinner for an artist! (one of 14) $75**
___ A TOOLKIT is IMPORTANT! **Provide the essentials for an artist toolkit! (one of 10) $100 - 1/10 Underwritten!**
___ ~~CHEERS to our commUNITY! Provide the bubbly! $250~~ **- Underwritten!**
___ REAL TALK, I'm about it. **Support the Selection Committee Panel! $400**
___ SHINE a light on ARTISTS! **Underwrite an artist microgrant! (one of ten) $500**
___ Holy SHIRT! Provide ***New Dances / New Horizons*** **t-shirts for the artists! $700**
___ The whole NINE yards! **Underwrite the celebration at Elia Chicago! $1000**

Donations can be made via

- Check: Thodos Dance Chicago, 1016 North Dearborn St, Chicago, IL 60610
- Electronic payment: **https://thodosdancechicago.org/support/**

Every dollar is a vote of confidence for artists.

Thank you for being part of Thodos Dance Chicago's family of supporters. **#SupportTheHeARTS**

With gratitude,

Melissa Thodos
Founder & Artistic Director