



GROUNDWORKS

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## **GROUNDWORKS DANCETHEATER ADDRESSES CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS AND UPCOMING PERFORMANCES**

**CLEVELAND, OH (March 12, 2020)** – With the recent news of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) being present in Northeast Ohio, we wanted to take the time to share that GroundWorks DanceTheater is committed to the safety and well-being of our patrons, guests, volunteers, partners, dancers, and staff. We also wanted to share how we will proceed moving forward in keeping safety a priority.

1. Our performance at E.J. Thomas Hall on April 3 has been canceled due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns. E.J. Thomas hall is a part of the University of Akron and the University has canceled all large scale events until April 20. We are working with E.J. Thomas Hall and the University of Akron to reschedule this performance.
2. The Board of Directors and Staff will continually monitor updates to the evolving conditions. We will implement the most up-to-date procedures and practices as they become available from local, national, and international agencies.
3. We will monitor the health and conditions of our Staff, Dancers and Board Members. Any employee showing signs of illness, will be asked to stay home from work.

Executive Artistic Director, David Shimotakahara, and staff are discussing what the next few months will look like for the company moving forward, including programming, other performances, our benefit, etc. As updates occur, we will keep the community informed.

For information on COVID-19 from University Hospitals, please visit:

**<https://www.uhhospitals.org/services/coronavirus>**

### ***About GroundWorks DanceTheater***

Now in its 21st season, GroundWorks DanceTheater is dedicated to the development and presentation of new choreography and collaborations. The Northeast Ohio-based company performs new works by Executive Artistic Director, David Shimotakahara, as well as commissioned work by nationally & internationally acclaimed choreographers including Eric Michael Handman, Rosie Herrera, Kate Weare, Robert Moses, Ronen Koresh, Dianne McIntyre, Lynne Taylor-Corbett, Jill Sigman, Gina Gibney, David Parker, Brian Brooks, James Gregg, & many others. GroundWorks is committed to presenting unique opportunities for engaging the community through work-in-progress showings, master classes, and educational outreach to school children, college students, and senior adults.

GroundWorks DanceTheater's annual programming is made possible with funding from The National Endowment for the Arts, The Ohio Arts Council, Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, The Cleveland Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, The Toby Devan Lewis Philanthropic Fund, GAR Foundation, Peg's Foundation, The Char & Chuck Fowler Family Foundation, The John P. Murphy Foundation, The Kulas Foundation, Akron Community Foundation, The Demetros Charitable Trust, The Judith Gerson Fund, Sisler McFawn, Individual Contributors & Members of the GroundWorks Board of Directors.

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