

# HARVARD DANCE CENTER

FALL 2021



*Harvard Dance Center's mission is equity, dignity, and transformation for all people through artistic, academic, and civic leadership in beloved community to advance dance literacy on campus and for the world. Dance education across all offerings aims to foster agency for students and promote the arts as vehicles of social change in the world.*

## NON-CREDIT COMMUNITY CLASSES

Offered in a broad range of movement styles and dance traditions for all levels and abilities, Fall '21 classes are hybrid with options for both in-person and/or virtual participation. Taught by the Dance Center's exceptional teaching artists with many classes featuring live musical accompaniment!

### HARVARD STUDENTS REGISTER FOR FREE!

Sign up for 10-week series or drop-in: 9/7-11/20

Classes in: Ballet, Bharatanatyam, Contemporary, Conditioning, Hip Hop, Soca Fusion, and West African

Visit: [ofa.fas.harvard.edu/harvard-dance-center-classes](https://ofa.fas.harvard.edu/harvard-dance-center-classes)



## PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Pairs 1st-year students with 3rd and 4th-year students for peer exchange, gatherings, and activities throughout the year. Mentors help new students navigate their academic course load, dance activities, and life in college, while also connecting them to the dance and arts communities at Harvard.

Sign up to be a mentor or mentee and get paired at the beginning of the semester!

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## CYPHERS

Informal freestyle dance jams in an open circle that are inclusive, joyful, supportive, and community-building. Cypher host & mentor: Aysha Upchurch, Lecturer on Education, GSE

Fall '21 Open House Cypher: Friday, 9/10, 4pm

Let's celebrate being back together again and dance in the Harvard Dance Center's large Studio 1! All abilities and types of movers are welcome— no prior dance training needed. Meet other dance and arts students, staff, and faculty from across campus. Learn more about the Dance Center and its campus partners. Feel the groove. Move and be moved.

Cypher Host: Aysha Upchurch | Live DJ: Darien Carr GSD'23

Location: Harvard Dance Center, Studio 1

Learn more and RSVP: [fas.harvard.edu/dance-cyphers](https://fas.harvard.edu/dance-cyphers)



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## FALL '21 ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Dancer, choreographer, and educator **Nailah Randall-Bellinger** is in residence at Harvard Dance Center creating a new work commissioned by the Harvard University Committee on the Arts (HUCA), and with support from Harvard Radcliffe Institute and the Presidential Initiative on Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery.

The work, titled *Initiation– In Love Solidarity*, is a choreographic narrative that explores the physical embodiment of the Middle Passage, and the resilience and evolving identity of women of the African diaspora. A film component of the work and live performance will be presented in various formats this fall. Randall-Bellinger will also be visiting TDM dance credit courses and the Hutchins Center Fellowship Program.

### Fall '21 Events for *Initiation– In Love Solidarity*

- Live pop-up performance at the Barker Center Courtyard: Saturday, October 9, 3pm
- Film Screening and Conversation at Smith Campus Center: Thursday, October 21, 6pm
- Dance Center Showings: Live performance, Film, & Conversation: Saturday, November 13, 4pm & 7pm



## STUDENT-LED DANCE GROUPS

The Dance Center supports 23 student-led dance groups, which represent a broad range of dance styles and traditions from all over the globe!

Student-led dance groups reserve studio spaces at the Dance Center for their classes and rehearsals and can apply for a one-week Dance Center residency. Dance staff offer support and mentorship throughout the year. Student-led Dance Group Leaders are regularly convened with the Dance Center staff for advisement, knowledge-sharing, fellowship, and professional development workshops.

Learn more: [ofa.fas.harvard.edu/student-led-dance-groups](https://ofa.fas.harvard.edu/student-led-dance-groups)



## CREDIT COURSES IN DANCE

**Latinx Movement: Embodied Intersections of Latin Dance, Music, and Communal Practice (TDM 149)**

**Teacher:** Laura Rodriguez (LROD), Lecturer in Dance, TDM

**Location:** Farkas 303 | **Meeting Time:** Tuesdays/Thursdays, 10:30am-11:45am

**The Processes of Inter-Media and Choreographic Exchange (TDM 147L)**

**Teacher:** Laura Rodriguez (LROD), Lecturer in Dance, TDM

**Location:** Farkas 303 | **Meeting Time:** Tuesdays, 3-5:45pm

For more credit courses in dance: [ofa.fas.harvard.edu/harvard-dance-center-classes](https://ofa.fas.harvard.edu/harvard-dance-center-classes)



## ON DISPLAY HARVARD 2021

Harvard Dance Center is an Ambassador for Heidi Latsky's *ON DISPLAY*, a world-wide movement installation and social justice initiative that commemorates the UN's International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd. The Dance Center will present *ON DISPLAY HARVARD*, for the fourth year in a row, involving diverse participants from across Harvard's community to bring awareness to disability rights, inclusion, and culture.

# ALL ARE WELCOME!



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Sign up for the Dance Center  
Email to stay in the loop!



**Front page image descriptions:** (Left) HDC Studio 1 is filled with students in sneakers and socks who are hovering above the floor in mid-jumping movement. The centered dancer is wearing a red t-shirt and maroon leggings. Photo credit: Annielly Camargo. (Right) Dara Badon '22 in hip hop dance class is smiling and raising her arms with her index fingers out. She is wearing a white t-shirt with black short sleeves and red lettering. Photo credit: Stephanie Mitchell/Harvard University.