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Nominations Open for the One Dance UK Awards on International Dance Day

One Dance UK, the sector support organisation for dance, is delighted to announce that nominations for the One Dance UK Awards 2019 are now open.

Timed to coincide with International Dance Day, the 24 Awards have been chosen to recognise the outstanding contribution of people working in the dance sector. This annual event is an opportunity for people from across the dance sector to unite, celebrate, acknowledge and reward the people who have made an impact on the vibrant UK dance landscape. Categories for 2019 include:

- Greater Manchester Award
- Outstanding Dance Programming Award
- Innovation in Dance Award – kindly sponsored by Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance
- Dance Writing Award
- Dance on Screen – Impact Award – kindly sponsored by Marquee TV
- Best Use of Dance by a Brand Award
- Outstanding Primary Dance Teaching Award
- Outstanding Secondary Dance Teaching Award
- Inspirational Community Dance Practitioner Award
- Inspirational Work in Education Award (for organisations) – kindly sponsored by ISTD
- Inspirational Lecturer at College, University or Conservatoire Award
- Most Supportive Senior Leader or Governor Award
- Rising Star Award (Dance Teaching)
- Dance Healthcare Practitioner Award
- Dance Science Award
- Dance Healthcare Team Award
- Research in Dance – Impact Award
- Dance Advocacy Award
- People's Choice Award
- Dance Personality of the Year Award – kindly sponsored by The Place
- Dance of the African Diaspora Lifetime Achievement Award – kindly supported by Derrick Anderson
- Lifetime Achievement in South Asian Dance – kindly sponsored by Akademi
- Lifetime Achievement in Dance Education/Participation Award
- Jane Attenborough Award – Outstanding Contribution to Dance

One Dance UK's CEO Andrew Hurst comments: We are delighted to be opening nominations for the One Dance UK Awards on International Dance Day. We look forward to seeing a broad range of nominations from all disciplines and dance forms that truly reflects today's vibrant and diverse dance sector. There is no shortage of exceptional talent in the dance sector, and we have developed these awards to celebrate the unsung heroes of our sector, the remarkable contribution and commitment that is made by so many. We encourage everyone to take a moment to

nominate those who inspire them and whose work is enriching the art forms - we want to empower the sector to give recognition to those who really deserve it.

The One Dance UK Awards are made possible by the generous sponsorship from individuals and organisations across the dance sector and we are enormously grateful to everyone who is supporting the One Dance UK Awards 2019. This year our sponsors include ISTD, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, The Place, Marquee TV, Derrick Anderson and Akademi, who have given the following words of support for this pivotal dance sector event.

As London's Creative Conservatoire, Trinity Laban is committed to innovation and to advancing the artform of dance. We are delighted to support this award at the One Dance Awards 2019, recognising innovative practice and celebrating dance artists who are pushing the boundaries and challenging conventions. Anthony Bowne, Principal Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance

Sponsoring the 'Dance Personality of the Year' award as The Place celebrates 50 years is a wonderful way to amplify our vision for "a world with more dance." Powering imagination through dance requires outstanding energy, drive and commitment and we are deeply invested in raising the profile and perception of our life-enhancing, life-changing art form. Claire Connor, Chief Executive Officer, The Place

Increasingly, audiences want to be able to see their favourite dancers and dance companies online. As the UK's leading on-demand platform for the arts, Marquee.TV is keen to encourage dance companies to develop their skills in this area and find new audiences online. Susannah Simons, Director of Partnerships, Marquee TV

I've been involved with dance in one form or another for almost 40 years. Over that time I have seen a considerable growth in both interest and participation in dances rooted in the experiences of those from the African diaspora. Though I am no longer active in performance or choreography it gives me great pleasure to be able to support those who still are. With that in mind I salute those creative souls still plugging away and I'm happy to support financially to that end. Derrick Anderson

On the occasion of Akademi's 40th-anniversary, we are delighted to include an award to recognise excellence in South Asian dance at the One Dance UK Awards 2019. This award is an endeavour to position South Asian dance alongside the key achievers from the wider dance sector in the UK Mira Kaushik, Director, Akademi

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To find out more view One Dance UK Awards 2018 Highlights Film.

About One Dance UK

One Dance UK is the sector support organisation leading the way to a stronger, more vibrant and diverse dance sector. We provide one clear voice to:

- Support all those working in the sector to achieve excellence in dance performance, education and management
- Advocate for the increased profile and importance of dance in all its diverse forms and settings
- Enhance dancers' health, well-being and performance
- Identify gaps, provide opportunities and improve conditions for dance to be learnt, discussed and seen

We provide membership packages for a range of individuals and organisations to support, advise and connect people across the dance sector. Our aim is to create a workforce that is well-equipped to secure dance's prominence in the cultural landscape of the future. We do this by providing services, information and opportunities for:

- Dance organisations and all dance professionals including:
- Dance artists and choreographers
- Dance teachers, educators and practitioners
- Dance managers and producers
- Dance medicine and science/research professionals
- All children and young people

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