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Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday honours list

As the Sector Support organisation for Dance in the UK, One Dance UK is delighted to see that the dance sector has again been recognised in Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday honours list. The honours include:

Knighthood

Robert Paul COHAN, CBE - Founding Artistic Director, The Place. For services to Choreography and Dance.

MBE

Ms Katherine Jane PRINCE - For services to Dance.

Samuel Francis John STOPFORD - For services to Ballroom and Latin American Dance.

British Empire Medal

Miss June Patricia BOYNE (June Ranger) - For services to Dance in Swanage.

Maurice Noach STONE - For services to Dance and Community Cohesion.

These awards acknowledge the strong contribution that dance - in all its diverse forms - makes to cultural landscape of the nation.

Notable among these honours is the award of Knighthood for services to Choreography and Dance to Robert Paul COHAN, Founding Artistic Director of The Place.

Born in 1925 in Brooklyn, New York, Robert (Bob) Cohan is a former dancer, choreographer, and the Founding Artistic Director of The Place, London Contemporary Dance School and London Contemporary Dance Theatre (LCDT), which he directed for 20 years.

Cohan joined Martha Graham's company (the Martha Graham Dance Company) in 1946, becoming one of her regular partners on stage and later a teacher in her dance school. He left in 1957 but came back in 1962, rising to co-director in 1966. He left in 1969 to launch the London Contemporary Dance Group based at the Adeline Genee Theatre in East Grinstead, having already launched The Place in London 1967. In 1989 Cohan retired and now lives in France.

Andrew Hurst, CEO One Dance UK comments “We are delighted as always to see that the commitment and dedication to the sector has again received very well-deserved recognition, but we are also concerned that dance takes such a small share of all the awards given to the arts in this list. One Dance UK continues to work hard to advocate for dance at all levels and we hope to see more recognition for those who do extraordinary work in the future.”

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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
- 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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