



ARTS DISTRICT
LIBERTY STATION

CALL FOR ARTISTS

EMERGING ARTIST RESIDENCY – DANCE & DANCE MAKING ARTS



— 2024 Emerging Dance Artist Micah Parra

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Submittal Deadline: May 23rd, 2025 @ 11:59 PM PST

We are seeking applications from emerging dance artists interested in a 11-month residency with access to studio space at Arts District, an arts and culture hub at the heart of Liberty Station.

RESIDENCY OVERVIEW

This Emerging Artist Residency is intended for early career dancers and dance makers to grow in their practice, create new work or develop existing work, perform or present work for critique among peers and for public audiences, and build their professional networks in the San Diego/Northern Baja region by engaging with other dance artists and arts professionals in Arts District Liberty Station (ADLS).

EMERGING ARTIST RESIDENCY - DANCE

2024/2025 ARTIST

JOYCE LIEN KUSHNER

San Diego CA

Born and raised in San Diego, Joyce Lien Kushner's first love has always been dancing, specializing in modern, contemporary and dance conditioning. Despite moving away and switching career paths for a short period of time, Joyce's journey has led her back to her hometown, reigniting her passion for not only creating captivating dance pieces but also teaching and training dancers of all ages across California. With this residency in Arts District Liberty Station, Joyce aims to curate an Asian American dance showcase, championing diverse narratives, fostering collaboration through innovative choreographic practices, and providing dedicated space for dance artists to refine their craft. Her vision embodies a commitment to nurturing creativity, amplifying underrepresented voices, and cultivating a vibrant, inclusive dance community in San Diego.





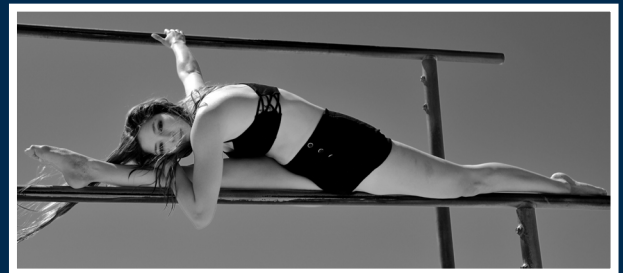
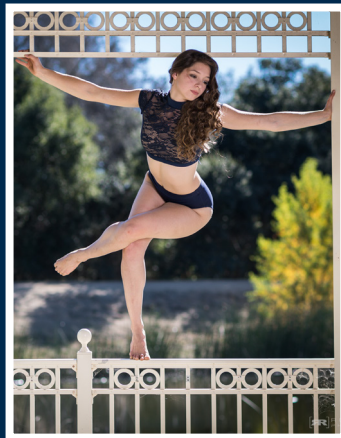
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2024/2025 ARTIST

LEXII REGINA

San Diego CA

A multidisciplinary movement artist, Lexii is known for her curious exploration of storytelling. Utilizing the mediums of acrobatic dance, physical theater, improvisation, modern dance, and circus, she creates works exploring mental health, human connections, the communities that lift us up, and the hope that keeps us going. Lexii is thrilled to have been chosen as an Emerging Artist at Arts District Liberty Station and looks forward to using the beautiful studio space to develop a variety of short-form and evening length performances and dance films.



OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Artists selected for this eleven (11) month residency will have access to studio space in the Dorothea Laub Dance Place, a dance ecosystem that includes four professional companies along with other organizations and individual practitioners whose work supports movement-based artists.

Each resident will receive a stipend of \$3,000 to support the creation and production of work and help cover the costs of other components of the residency.

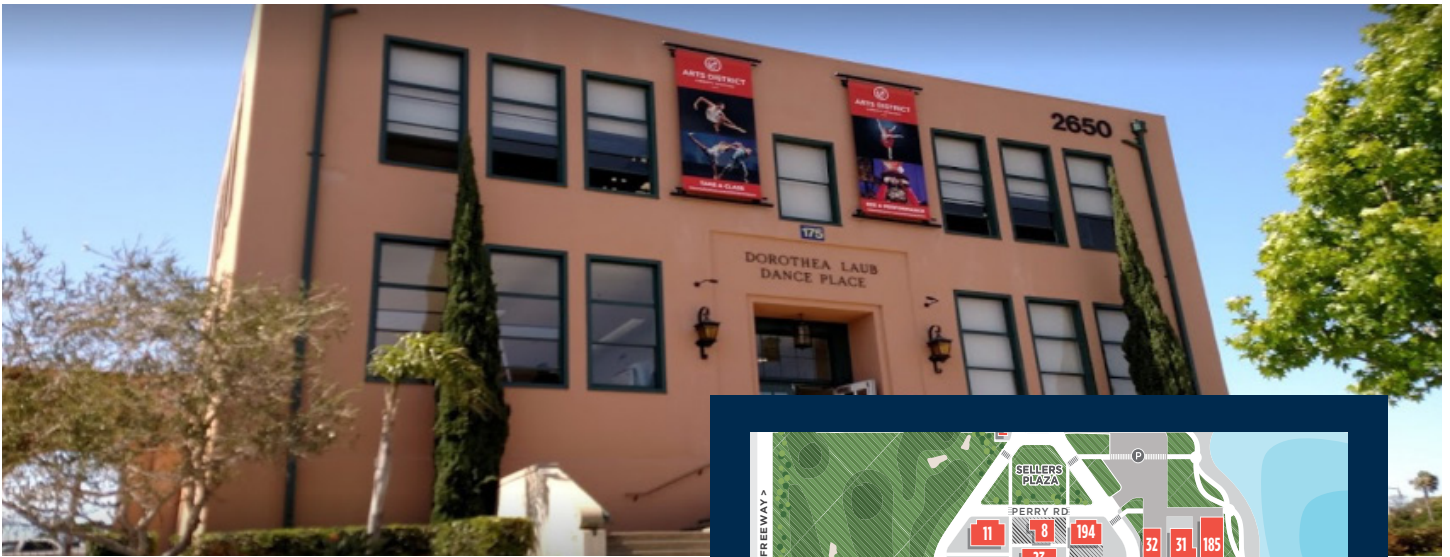
Up to 4 individuals will be selected for this upcoming residency cohort, thus making the studio a shared space among selected artists.

PERIOD OF THE RESIDENCY

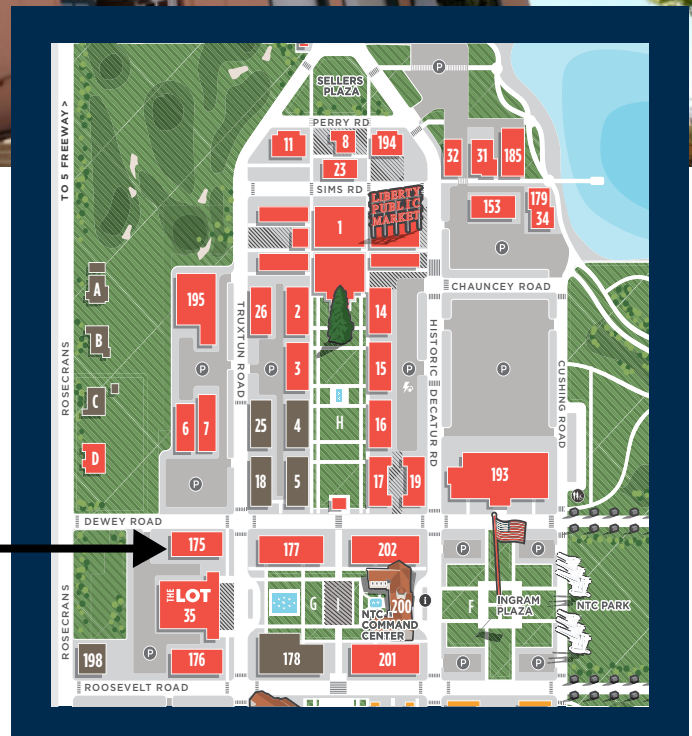
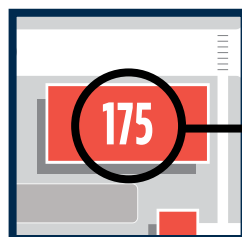
Early July 2025 – through end of May 2026.

STUDIO SPACE - DETAILS

- 664 sq ft usable space located on the second floor of the Dorothea Laub Dance Place (Building 175).



The selected dance artists must utilize the studio space for a minimum average of 10 hours a week and will need to work together to create mutually beneficial studio use schedule.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Artist(s) or collaborative(s) must have an active dance/dance making practice.
- Artist(s) or collaborative(s) are not full-time students at the time of residency.
- Artist(s) or collaborative(s) must be a minimum of 21 years old to apply.
- Artist(s) or collaborative(s) must reside in San Diego or Imperial County, Northern Baja California (Mexico), or a sovereign tribal territory in the borderland region.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Individual or Collaborative selected artists will need to:

- Utilize the studio space for a minimum average of 10 hours a week.
 - > Considering shared calendar and holding flexibility for individual needs for the space.
- Host 4 studio activations/events throughout the length of the residency to engage with the community and public at Arts District.
 - > E.g. participate in Arts District partnership events, host workshops, open studios, themed talks/performances, etc.
- Participate in an End of Residency performance alongside other selected artists or collaboratives by May 2026.

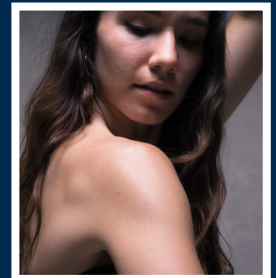
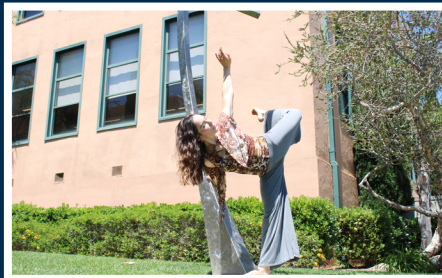
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2024/2025 ARTIST

MICAH PARRA

San Diego CA

Micah has always been immersed in the world of dance. Growing up, she was quickly integrated into the circus community, leading her to the San Diego Circus Center in 2021. Since then, Micah continued to hone in on her acrobatic skills through various programs around San Diego. Excited to have a beautiful, accessible space to collaborate with other artists of multiple mediums, Micah looks to cultivate her own creative voice and facilitate a space where people learn to appreciate art as an invaluable tool for healthy expression and human connectivity.





ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

Individual or Collaborative selected artists will need to:

- Submit a refundable security deposit of \$300 prior to residency start.
- Be willing to share studio space with other selected artists.
 - > Artists will have to work together to create mutually beneficial studio use schedule.
- Attend monthly check-in conversations with Arts District Staff during residency.
- Provide monthly and overall calendar proposals and updates to Arts District Liberty Station staff, and coordinate with ADLS staff regarding other programming that may occur in the studio space.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Though not a requirement of the residency, ADLS is committed to supporting the growth and success of residents in other ways beyond the scope included here. Selected residents will have access to ADLS team to learn more about building a creative small business as an artist, leasing and rental agreements/contracts, fundraising, and community outreach.

TO APPLY

- Interested artists will be required to submit the following items in one single PDF document with subject line: “Emerging Artist Dance – Submission” emailed to admin@artsdistrictlibertystation.org

Items required

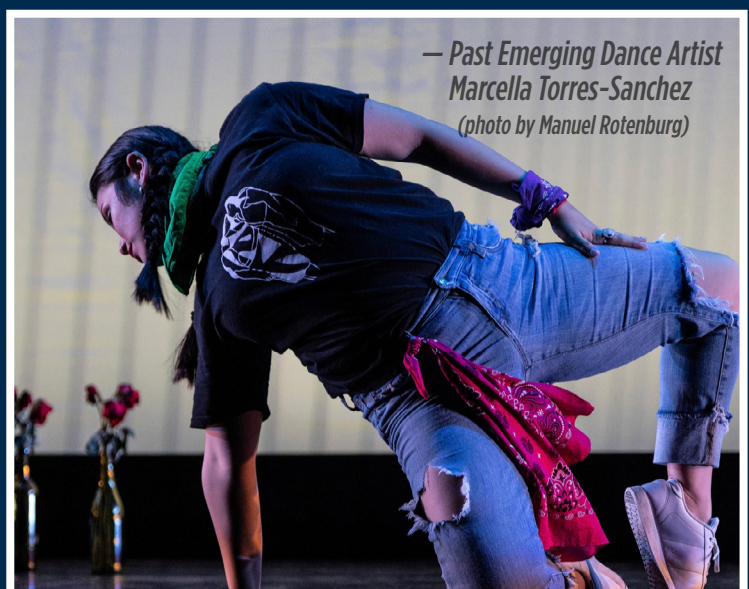
- a) Contact information (phone number, address, email)
- b) How you found out about this residency and its Call for Artists.
- c) Resume/CV
- d) Letter of Reference (1)
- e) Statement of Artistic Vision including your background, purpose, and the ‘why’ behind what you want to create and accomplish through the residency (500 words maximum).
- f) Describe your intended use of the space, approach to collaboration, and goals for community engagement across the Arts District campus (500 words maximum).
- g) Statement explaining how your artistic work ties in with Arts District’s mission, vision, and commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and access (300 word maximum).
- h) 2 recent and relevant work samples (video links, etc.) with brief descriptions of each sample
 - > Finished performances and/or rehearsal footage are acceptable. Reel footage and videos of applicants teaching or taking a class will not be accepted as samples.
 - > Each sample must be a maximum length of 5 mins.

Learn more! Click a date below to
join a **VIRTUAL Q&A SESSION**

Monday, May 12 • 10 - 11 am

Monday, May 19 • 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Attendees can join at any point
in the hour for both sessions.



SELECTION PROCESS

- An advisory committee made up of members of the Arts District Liberty Station board and staff, as well as diverse representatives of the dance and arts community will review applications and select individuals to interview.
- The advisory committee will be reviewing applications and selecting finalists based on the following criteria:
 - > Early Career Experience
 - > Artistic Vision for Residency
 - > Need for Space, Collaboration
 - > Community Engagement
 - > Commitment to IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access)
 - > Quality of Work Samples.
- Interviews with selected artists will follow the application review.
- Final selections for Artists-in-Residence will be chosen and notified of award post-interview.
- Final selection will be announced by June 10th, 2025.

If you encounter any issues uploading materials or technical questions about your submission email admin@artsdistrictlibertystation.org with subject line: **“Emerging Artist Dance – Question”**

APPLICATION REVIEW TIMELINE

Bilingual (ENG/SPAN) Virtual Q&A Sessions **Monday, May 12th from 10 - 11 am**
 **Monday, May 19th from 5:30 - 6:30 pm**
 Submission Deadline **May 23rd, 2025, by 11:59 pm PST**
 Selected Artists for Interview notified by **May 30th, 2025**
 Virtual Interviews **June 6th, 2025 from 10 am - 2 pm**
 Awards announced by **June 10th, 2025**





ARTS DISTRICT LIBERTY STATION



ABOUT ARTS DISTRICT LIBERTY STATION

Mission Statement

The mission of Arts District Liberty Station is to activate a dynamic and historic campus where enriching cultural experiences, impactful learning opportunities, and inspiring events are accessible to all.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a world-class arts district in the transborder region where creativity, culture, and community thrive.

Commitment

Our overarching foundation, NTC Foundation, formalized its commitment to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA), recognizing that arts and culture can inspire social change. We will ensure that Arts District Liberty Station mirrors the rich diversity of our binational region, is welcoming and inviting to all, embraces the diversity of artists and art forms, and constantly provides new opportunities for creating and for enjoying. IDEA will be a guidepost for our intentions and actions in enhancing staff and Board leadership, tenant relations, visitor services, program offerings, partnership development, and communications and outreach to communities. We do this to earn the public's trust in perpetuity.

  Follow Arts District Liberty Station on social media.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

The AiPP committee advises Arts District's board and staff on strategy, directions, and opportunities to support and elevate emerging artists, curators, and culture bearers whose work enhances the public experience of arts and culture at Arts District Liberty Station.

Learn more about the committee's members and history, [HERE](#).

EMERGING ARTIST PROGRAM

Arts District's Emerging Artist Program is an initiative to foster emerging San Diego/Northern Baja Region artists with studio space and the chance to participate in a vibrant, creative environment. The initiative is designed to help them build their career in San Diego, engage with other artists, and grow their audience and patron base for future success. Learn more about this initiative [HERE](#).

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