



## THE DANCE ARCHIVE

# 2025 LEGENDS OF DANCE HONOREES NAMED BY THE DANCE ARCHIVE

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DENVER -- The Dance Archive at the University of Denver is pleased to announce our 2025 Legends of Dance honorees. Honorees will give oral history interviews, which will be added to The Dance Archive's extensive collection, and will be recognized at an awards presentation in October. The honorees are:

**Dance Express-** Fort Collins inclusive dance company that celebrates diverse experiences by and for persons with/or without disabilities in Northern Colorado

**Grace "SwaHuux" Gillette-** Executive Director of Denver March Powwow

**Winifred Harris-** Associate Artistic Director at Cleo Parker Robinson Dance

**Maputo Mensah-** Master drummer and dancer dedicated to the joy and beauty of Ghanaian culture through dance, drumming, and culture classes at all levels

**Alana Shaw-** Founder and Executive Director of Boulder based Turning The Wheel, a national non-profit and education organization dedicated to making body based creative expression and play accessible to individuals of all ages, experiences, genders, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds

"This exceptional event recognizing and celebrating the efforts of individuals and organizations that have elevated the life experience of Colorado communities through dance, that includes performances and hors d'oeuvres, is one not to be missed by any dance enthusiast," says Kathi Crum, President of The Dance Archive Board.

Celebrating its twenty-first year, the annual Legends of Dance has honored more than 100 individuals and organizations who have made an outstanding contribution to dance in our state. In order to preserve this important history, each honoree is interviewed and the interview and any other donated archival material are placed in The Dance Archive, where they are accessible to researchers.

Past interviews are available online in our digital repository at [specialcollections.du.edu](https://specialcollections.du.edu).

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**AT A GLANCE**

WHAT: Legends of Dance Celebration

WHO: The Dance Archive

WHEN: October 19, 2025

LOCATION: Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, 119 Park Ave W, Denver, CO 80205

**ABOUT THE DANCE ARCHIVE:**

The Dance Archive is a special collecting area with the University of Denver's Special Collections and Archives. Its mission is to advance education and engagement with resources across all genres of dance and movement.

Information about The Dance Archive: [thedancearchive.org/](https://thedancearchive.org/)

About Legends of Dance: [thedancearchive.org/programs](https://thedancearchive.org/programs)