

PERFORMANCE GARAGE

to host 2023 annual gala fundraiser
in support of the dance community



The Performance Garage is pleased to announce its 2023 Annual Gala fundraiser. The event will be held on Saturday April 29th at the Performance Garage and promises to be a memorable evening of celebration, filled with entertainment, fine dining, and opportunities to support the dance community.

This year, **we honor Anne Ewers**, recently retired President and CEO of the Kimmel Center, who successfully initiated and championed the merger of the Kimmel Center and The Philadelphia Orchestra among other accomplishments during her 15-year tenure. We applaud a kindred spirit in Anne Ewers, who worked tirelessly to make the Kimmel Center a home for performing arts just as we have made the Performance Garage the home for dance in Philadelphia. As a catalyst for creativity, it is the mission of the Performance Garage to create an environment that nurtures dance artists and facilitates the building of a broader audience for dance in Philadelphia.

Gala attendees will enjoy a reception at Bethany Mission, live performances by the Philadelphia Ballet, Philadanco, Weiwei Ma, and the student-dancers from Franklin Learning Center YouthMoves Program, and an auction with one-of-a-kind items. The evening will also include brief remarks from founders Jeanne Rudy and Victor Keen, and an opportunity to meet some of the artists who have been positively impacted by the Performance Garage.

« We are excited to bring our community together for a night of celebration and giving back,» said Jeanne Ruddy, Performance Garage's Executive Director. *«We rely on the generosity of our supporters to continue our work, and the Gala is an excellent opportunity to come together and make a difference in the lives of those we serve.»*

Tickets for the 2023 Gala may be purchased at www.performancegarage.org/gala2023. Don't miss this opportunity to support a worthy cause and have a great time doing it. All donations and proceeds will go directly to supporting Performance Garage dance programs and initiatives.

For more information about the Performance Garage's 2023 Gala fundraiser or to purchase tickets, please visit www.performancegarage.org/gala2023.

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About Performance Garage

As catalyst for creativity, it is the mission of the Performance Garage to create an environment that nurtures dance artists and facilitates the building of a broader audience for dance in Philadelphia. Founded in 2000 by Victor F. Keen and Jeanne Ruddy, the Performance Garage was originally a home for the Philadelphia-based nonprofit contemporary dance company Jeanne Ruddy Dance (JRD). Since JRD's final season in 2012, the Performance Garage has transitioned to a new identity: to serve Philadelphia's dance and performing arts communities through its artist engagement and outreach programs--to support the professional dance community, to educate, train and present programs that reach out to the dance community, the general population, and, particularly, to disadvantaged youth, to enrich their lives through dance.

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