

Chicago Dance History Project Presents



# The Joel Hall Dancers Legacy Archive

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The Joel Hall Dancers & Center

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# About Us

## **Chicago Dance History Project**

Founded in 2015, CDHP seeks to investigate, preserve, and present the oral and corporeal histories of theatrical dance in Chicago. A forthcoming digital archive will exhibit original research conducted by CDHP – recorded oral history interviews and public events – as well as portions of digitized archival collections from artists and companies throughout the city. To date, CDHP has interviewed 83 individuals and produced and/or recorded 25 events.

## **Joel Hall Dancers & Center**

The mission of JHDC is to enrich the lives of its community through dance education, outreach, and performance. Its community-based center is committed to making dance available to all people, regardless of age, interest, or level of experience. Open seven days a week, JHDC is one of Chicago's largest dance education facilities and it offers one of the most extensive dance and movement curriculums in the Midwest.

## **Joel Hall Dancers Legacy Exhibit**

*The Joel Hall Dancers Legacy* exhibit is one outcome of the partnership between CDHP and JHDC to curate and digitize a portion of the company's archives. Using JHDC's upcoming Legacy Concert as a roadmap, CDHP is building a companion digital exhibit highlighting the same key works included in the concert; the majority of the materials displayed here will also exist on the CDHP website. The materials themselves will go to the Newberry Library for preservation in the Joel Hall Dance Company collection.

# About the Archive

## 5 Elements of the Dance Archive

- Bodies
- Objects
- Spaces
- Memories
- Communities

## 5 Questions to Consider

- What is an archive?
- Who uses an archive?
- What makes a dance archive distinct from other archives?
- Who decides which materials go into an archive and how?
- What role do archives play in your life?

## 5 Ways to Participate

- Stay updated on our work by joining our mailing list.
- Volunteer to help with the archiving process.
- Contribute to the archive by sharing your story.
- Follow us on social media.
- Donate to our 501(c)(3) organization.

*Daina Coffey and Elizabeth Liebman installing the exhibit.*

*Please visit  
[www.chicagodancehistory.org](http://www.chicagodancehistory.org) in  
December to browse the digital  
version.*



Founder Joel Hall  
and Jacki Sinclair,  
current Artistic  
Director, of Joel Hall  
Dancers & Center.

See the company  
perform *Nuts & Bolts*  
on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at the  
Beverly Arts Center.



## Featured Choreographic Works

Nightwalker (1979)  
Caliente, Por Favor (1985)  
El Gato Negro (1992)  
Y2 Day (2000)  
Anja: The Unexpected (2015)  
Nuts & Bolts (1994)

## Credits

The Joel Hall Dancers Legacy Exhibit is organized by  
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