



2023 AWARDS PRESENTATION  
& COMMUNITY  
CELEBRATION

## 2023 ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION & COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

- Event:** See Chicago Dance Annual Awards Presentation & Community Celebration
- Awards:** *Legacy Award:* **Homer Hans Bryant**, Dancer, Teacher, Mentor, founder and artistic director of Chicago Multi-cultural Dance Center & the Hiplet Ballerinas  
*Distinguished Service to the Dance Field Award:* **Ginger Farley**, Dancer, Choreographer, Philanthropist, former Executive Director of Chicago Dancemakers Forum
- Date:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 5:30–8:30pm
- Location:** Venue West, 221 N. Paulina St, Chicago, IL 60612

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### 2023 AWARDEES



#### **HOMER HANS BRYANT (*Legacy Award*)**

**Homer Hans Bryant** is a former principal dancer with the world-renowned Dance Theater of Harlem. He has performed for the Royal Families of Norway and England; in Timbuktu, with the Legendary Eartha Kitt; and in the motion picture *The Wiz*. Mr. Bryant was a former member of Maria Tallchief's Chicago City Ballet.

Mr. Bryant is one of the most respected teachers in the country and around the world. He has taught his unique body alignment/floor barre technique at the Bolshoi Ballet Academy, the Kirov Ballet Academy, and the Boris Eifman School. In 2010, he and his CMDC students were part of the first White House Dance Series, honoring Judith Jamison. He has also worked as a teacher and trainer with the Cirque Du Soleil productions *Mystere*, *Alegria*, *Quidam* and *Saltimbanco*. Many of Mr. Bryant's former students are in various Cirque productions around the world.

Bryant's mission is to bring the opportunity for dance training to all of Chicago. In 1992, he founded the Bryant Ballet School, later renamed the Chicago Multi-Cultural Dance Center to reflect the diversity of dance and the student body. Currently, he also serves as Assistant Artistic Director for Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago.

CMDC is the only school in the world that teaches Hiplet™, a ballet class that fuses classical pointe technique with Hip-Hop and urban dance styles. Bryant created Hiplet™ to make ballet accessible to all, by mixing it with popular songs for audiences who don't normally attend ballet performances. Since 2016, the company has amassed over one billion views on YouTube.



#### **GINGER FARLEY (*Distinguished Service to the Dance Field Award*)**

As a child **Ginger Farley** studied dance with Toby and Juanita Nicholson, both members of Sybil Shearer's company. She went on to be an early member of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago during its seminal period from 1978-88. Later, with saxophonist Cameron Piffner, Farley led The 58 Group, a dance and music ensemble. She taught for many years at the Lou Conte Dance Studio, Columbia College Chicago, and the Chicago Academy for the Arts.

In 2002, Farley served as a consultant to the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation and participated on its behalf in the "Excellence in Dance Initiative" at The Chicago Community Trust. Expanding on this initiative, she led a study of small, mid-sized and independent dance artists in Chicago. This study was influential in the creation of the Chicago Dancemakers Forum.

In 2003, CDF's inaugural year, Farley received its Lab Artist award. Subsequently, she served as Project Director, Consortium member, and became its first Executive Director in 2015. Under her leadership Chicago Dancemakers Forum incorporated, delivered more than \$1.2 million in grants to dancemakers, and welcomed the Regional Dance Development Initiative to Chicago. Later, Farley gathered community stakeholders and artists to create CDF's first strategic plan which addressed diversity, equity and inclusion; leadership succession, and a sustainability plan for the future of the organization. Farley completed her tenure with CDF in December 2021.

Farley has served on numerous boards and committees in the service of live art in Chicago, including Chicago Artists Resource, Chicago Dance History Project (founding member), Deeply Rooted Dance Theater, Museum of Contemporary Art Performance Programs, and Partners for Sacred Places.



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- \$10,000 Catalysts
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- \$2,750 Ambassadors

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- \$275 Individual Event Ticket *Number of Guests:* \_\_\_\_\_
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