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**Gerbode Foundation Invites Applications for its
2024 Dance & Movement Awards**

Berkeley, Calif.— The Gerbode Foundation, in partnership with The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, is pleased to announce the first round of a three-year \$900,000 initiative. This year, up to six \$50,000 grants will be awarded for new dance and movement-based projects. In 2025, grants will be made to support new theater productions and in 2026, grants will be made to support new music and sound design projects.

The 2024 Dance & Movement Awards is the first round of the Special Awards in the Arts program with a \$300,000 fund for the creation and development of new dance and movement-based projects by California choreographers, culture bearers, traditional and tradition-based artists, and movement-based artists. Proposed commissions in all dance and movement-based genres, traditional and tradition-based forms will be considered for this round. The new dance works will be commissioned and produced by Bay Area nonprofit artist-centered organizations and must be completed between August 2025 and December 2027. Applicants can apply for grants of \$50,000 and must be a nonprofit organization based in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, or Sonoma counties.

“Since 1987, this program has supported the process of creating new work,” said Aimee S. Eng, Executive Director of the Gerbode Foundation. “We are excited to provide funding opportunities for dance and movement-based choreographers and their unique creative processes and continue the long legacy of this program.”

Applications for the 2024 Dance & Movement Awards are available online at www.gerbode.org. Application materials must be submitted by email to the Gerbode Foundation **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024**. An advisory panel of peers and advisors in the dance field will review the proposals, and final selections will be made by the Gerbode Foundation Board of Directors. Recipients will be announced in September 2024.

For questions regarding the program guidelines and application, please contact Olivia Malabuyo Tablante, the Special Awards in the Arts Program Director. She can be reached at 510-915-8048 or special.awards@gerbode.org.

About the Gerbode Foundation

The Gerbode Foundation empowers courageous leaders and visionary artists who make a positive impact in their communities and inspire others to change the world. Its primary geographical focus is on the San Francisco Bay Area and Hawaii. The Foundation's interests fall under the categories of Advancing Truth, Justice, the Environment, and the Arts.

About the Special Awards in the Arts Program

Created in 1987, the Special Awards in the Arts Program has supported the development of new works in dance, theater production, and music composition. These nationally respected awards have helped underwrite acclaimed new works that are culturally and aesthetically diverse, by emerging, mid-career and legacy artists. These grants have supported artists at critical junctures in their careers; enabled local nonprofit arts groups to produce and premiere original works; and enriched Bay Area audiences by showcasing the region's most promising new works.

Partnership with the Common Application for the Arts – Bay Area

The Common App is a collaboration between funders and grantmakers with unique histories and objectives. The 2024 Dance & Movement Awards is a part of the [Common Application for the Arts – Bay Area \(“Common App”\)](#) – an initiative in which participating funders use standardized questions to help create greater efficiency for grantseekers. The Gerbode Foundation is excited to partner in this effort for the first time this year.

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