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WHAT IS BLACK DIASPORA?

Conceived by curator **Eva Yaa Asantewaa** during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter uprising, **Black Diaspora** launched its first activities in September 2020 as a Zoom-based peer support program serving up-and-coming, Black-identified dance and performance artists from various cultural backgrounds and aesthetic traditions. With the support of **Gibney**, Black Diaspora has offered numerous peer group discussions, workshops led by notable guest artists, and conversations between artists. We celebrate the resourcefulness, accomplishments, and generous wisdom of Black creatives, educators, and activists.

Among the many renowned guests Black Diaspora has welcomed in its first two years are **Ayodele Casel, Bebe Miller, Charmaine Warren, Cynthia Oliver, Gilbert T. Small II, J. Bouey, Jerron Herman, Kayla Hamilton, Ni'Ja Whitson, Omari Wiles, Paloma McGregor, and Raja Feather Kelly.**

Aside from monthly workshops and guest artist conversations—events now also open to the Black-identifying public—Black Diaspora has awarded several of its members grants for rehearsal space at Gibney with no expectation of finished product. These grants offer artists time to dream, play, and experiment; initiate, develop, or fine-tune work; invite guests for feedback; meet with collaborators; or record their developing or finished work.

Entering its third fiscal year this coming September, with a cohort of ten returning and new members, Black Diaspora will continue its growth into a full-fledged residency program with the following planned developments

- an annual stipend for registered members
- continuation of the space grant program through Gibney and the potential for securing space grants from allied organizations
- informal studio showings open to peers, mentors, community advisors and, potentially, the public
- customizable mentorship opportunities
- leadership development opportunities
- resource and skill exchanges
- networking opportunities within and beyond the dance community

We are proud to announce the members of Black Diaspora's Third Year cohort (Sept. '22-June '23):

Alexandra Jean-Joseph
Angelica Mondol Viaña
Beau Banks
Jenny Boissiere
Justina Grayman

Kendra Ross
Makayla Peterson
Maya Simone Z
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