



**UNESCO
International Dance Day
29th April 2021**

Official Message from the President of the International Dance Council:
<http://danceday.cid-world.org/the-official-message/>

As dance professionals, think of your role in the present situation of pandemic, lockdown and curfew. People need you now and will need you after this crisis. You produce a vaccine against the virus of the soul: you know how to make people dance. You hear the call, answer it!

Alkis Raftis
President of the International Dance Council
CID, UNESCO, Paris

This year, The LABAN GUILD FOR MOVEMENT AND DANCE celebrated 75 years of existence. The organisation promotes the legacy of Rudolf Laban through dance, drama, therapy and education. Rudolf Laban (1879 - 1958) contributed significantly to the development of movement and dance as an art form, and his work continues to influence professional practitioners today. During this time of pandemic crisis, our members have kept connected online, made new connections globally, and developed a new structure of the organisation. At this UNESCO International Dance Day, the trustees are proud to announce the launch of LABAN GUILD INTERNATIONAL.



On Dance Day this year our events are virtual.

The Laban Movement Choir Project is bringing participants together from around the world to produce a virtual choric dance and movement performance created to Appalachian Spring (music by Aaron Copland, with Leonard Bernstein conducting the New York Philharmonic).

LABAN GUILD INTERNATIONAL support the UNESCO President's belief in the power of revitalisation through dance, as an idea that Rudolf Laban also shared.

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Phoenix Project 2008

Patrons: Lea Anderson MBE; Sir Walter Bodmer FRS FRSE; William Forsythe; and, Dr Stuart Hopps OBE.