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Dance for Democracy

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The dance community has never been complacent. For years we have been raising money for causes ranging from AIDS, to hunger, to natural disasters. More recently dancers world wide have used their creativity and talent to raise consciousness about social issues, and to raise money for individual dance artists and companies affected by the coronavirus, all while navigating a whole new platform which we also use to teach, create films, hold town halls and have live performances. Ryan Heffington alone — a very talented man and a compassionate human to boot has used his massive following, platform, and reach to raise money for Black Lives Matter, Black Trans Advocacy Coalition, the ACLU, the NAACP and a dancers' relief fund. I am so proud to be a part of this incredibly vital, optimistic and flexible community!

Now the dance community is raising their voices to **GET OUT THE VOTE!** With a new platform and film they are even registering people to get and vote on November 3rd at **headcount.org/dancefordemocracy**.

Check out this wonderful dance film Executive Produced by dance champions, Agent and Producer Extraordinaire respectively, Julie McDonald and Pam Tarr, and directed by Samuel Bayer. With music by Macy Gray and choreography by the wonderful Keith Young, it features choreographers Debbie Allen, Kenny Ortega, Tony Testa, Isabella Fonte, Wade Robson, Nakul Dev Mahajan, JR Taylor, The Seaweed Sisters, Jody Sperling, Chloe Arnold and Maud Arnold. It's beautiful, uplifting, optimistic, and moving… Everything we need RIGHT NOW!

ENJOY!

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