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Northrop at the University of Minnesota Announces
Six Minnesota Dance Artists Selected to Receive
2013 McKnight Artist Fellowships for Dancers and Choreographers

Work-in-progress Showing for McKnight International Artist,
Choreographer George Stamos

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (May 28, 2013) – Northrop at the University of Minnesota announces the recipients of the 2013 McKnight Artist Fellowships for [Choreographers](#) and the McKnight Artist Fellowships for [Dancers](#). Each Fellow receives a \$25,000 fellowship award.

McKnight Artist Fellowships deliver significant financial assistance to mid-career individuals whose work demonstrates artistic excellence. A fellowship can help an artist set aside periods of time for study, reflection, experimentation, and exploration; take advantage of an opportunity; or work on a new project.

McKnight Artist Fellowships for Choreographers: 2013 Recipients

[HIJACK](#) (Kristin Van Loon and Arwen Wilder)

[Emily Johnson](#)

[Karen Sherman](#)

Choreographers Selection Panel:

[Sara Coffey](#), Founder & Director, Vermont Performance Lab, Guilford, VT

[Mark Dendy](#), Choreographer, New York, NY

[George Lugg](#), Associate Director, REDCAT, Los Angeles, CA

[Elizabeth Streb](#), Choreographer, Director, STREB LAB FOR ACTION MECHANICS (S.L.A.M.)
Brooklyn, NY

In addition to the \$25,000 fellowship stipend, each Choreography Fellow is eligible to apply for additional support for a national choreographic residency with one of our national

partners: [American Dance Festival](#) (Durham, NC), [Maggie Allesee National Center for Choreography](#) (Tallahassee, FL), [FringeArts](#) (Philadelphia, PA) and [Tofte Lake Center](#) (Ely, MN).

McKnight Artist Fellowships for Dancers: 2013 Recipients

[Kari Mosel](#)

[Tamara Ober](#)

[Gregory Waletski](#)

Dancers Selection Panel:

[Jeffery N. Bullock](#), Associate Professor and Chair, Dance Department; Director, MFA in Dance Program, Hollins University; Roanoke, VA

[Mary Cochran](#), Chair and Artistic Director, Department of Dance, Barnard College of Columbia University; Former soloist, Paul Taylor Dance Company; New York, NY

[Catherine Liska](#), Global Somatics movement educator and therapist; Former dancer, Jawaahir Dance Company; Minneapolis

[Abdo Sayegh](#), Dancer/Dance teacher, University of MN, St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists, TU Dance; Managing Director, TU Dance; Minneapolis

[Laura Selle Virtucio](#), Dancer/Artistic Associate, Shapiro & Smith Dance; Dancer, Zenon Dance Company; and Teaching Artist, St. Paul Conservatory for the Performing Arts and The Cowles Center; Minneapolis

In addition to the \$25,000 dancer fellowship stipend, the Fellowship Program will also provide funds for each Dancer Fellow to commission a choreographer of his/her choice to create a new solo dance work specifically for each Fellow. These new works, performed by the Dancer Fellows, will premiere at [SOLO](#), a showcase performance presented by Northrop in fall 2014.

The Fellowship Program is designed to enrich and strengthen our community by acknowledging the accomplishments of individual choreographers and dancers and providing for their artistic growth.

This program is made possible by the generous support of [The McKnight Foundation](#). The McKnight Foundation funds individual artist fellowships in 11 program areas.

Guidelines for the 2014 Choreographer and Dancer Fellowships will be available later in the summer on [Northrop's website](#).

This program also funds [The McKnight International Artist Fellowship](#), which provides a Minnesota residency for one international choreographer each year to collaborate with Twin Cities dance artists and showcase works-in-progress. Northrop announces the [2013 McKnight International Artist](#), Montreal-based choreographer George Stamos. Stamos will be in residence in Minneapolis for two weeks in June to develop a new work, *Situations*, with six local dancers. A public showing of the new work-in-development will be Saturday, June 22, 7:00 pm, at Tek Box Theater, Hennepin Center for the Arts, in Minneapolis. The showing is free, but reservations are required. Please call 612-624-2345, between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm.

The local dancers selected for this residency are [Ryan Dean](#), [Robert Haarman](#), [Patrick Jeffrey](#), [Justin Leaf](#), [Nic Lincoln](#), and understudy [Eben Kowler](#).

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Northrop is pleased to be the administrative home of the McKnight Artist Fellowships for Dancers and Choreographers and the McKnight International Fellowship. As the University of Minnesota's arts presenter, Northrop is dedicated to advancing the University's mission of education, research, and engagement through the pursuit of excellence and innovation in the performing arts, community engagement, and creative exchange.

For 95 years, Northrop has presented world-class artists in ways that engage diverse audiences and support exceptional teaching within the University and throughout the community.

The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

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