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PHILADANCO! to Receive Major Funding
from the **National Endowment for the Arts**

Philadelphia, PA – The Philadelphia Dance Company (PHILADANCO!) has been approved for a Grants for Arts Projects award to support its production of “Continuum” to be performed in Fall 2022 at The Kimmel Cultural Campus. This project will feature the premiere of new works from four emerging /young choreographers, including Francisco Gella and Ephrat “Bounce” Asherie. The production will include a weekend of performances plus choreographic workshops and professional training classes for local dance artists. PHILADANCO!’s project is among 1,248 projects across America totaling \$28,840,000 that were selected to receive this first round of fiscal year 2022 funding in the Grants for Arts Projects category.

“The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts projects like this one from PHILADANCO! that help support the community’s creative economy,” said NEA Acting Chair Ann Eilers. “PHILADANCO! in Philadelphia is among the arts organizations nationwide that continue to use the arts as a source of strength, a path to well-being, and providing access and opportunity for people to connect and find joy through the arts.”

“PHILADANCO! is excited to build on its tradition of identifying, nurturing, and supporting young/emerging choreographers and bringing their work to the attention of a broader audience,” said Joan Myers Brown, PHILADANCO!’s Founder and Executive Artistic Advisor. “The choreographers selected for this program have extensive backgrounds in dance and are looking to build their careers with experiences and opportunities such as this with PHILADANCO!. We are looking forward to bringing their talents to the Kimmel stage as well as our regional and touring audiences, all while also giving the dancers in the company new challenges and experiences.”

For more information about PHILADANCO!, visit www.philadanco.org.

For more information on other projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.