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**MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE
WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES IN NEW YORK CITY**

**THE SCHOOL AT JACOB'S PILLOW HOLDS
MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE WORKSHOPS
FEBRUARY 1, FEBRUARY 14, AND MARCH 14**

What: The School at Jacob's Pillow, one of the most prestigious dance training centers in the United States, will host three Musical Theatre Dance workshops in New York City. A new opportunity this year, these four hour workshops allow participants to receive personalized coaching from award-winning directors and choreographers and receive tailored feedback from vocal coaches and music directors. These events intend to strengthen performers' professional network, sharpen dance and vocal skills, and allow the participant to learn more about the professional advancement opportunities available from The School at Jacob's Pillow.

Workshops are open to advanced dancers, ages 15 and up. No pre-registration is required. Participants should bring four copies of their headshot/résumé, all dance shoes (including tap), Sheet Music for two songs from published musical theatre works, and be prepared to sing at least 16 bars from memory (accompanist provided). A \$35 cash fee is required for all workshop participants. Dancers below the age of 18 will require a waiver to be signed by a guardian.

The School at Jacob's Pillow offers an incomparable experience in its immersive Festival environment. Program participants train six days a week with world renowned artists, attend Festival performances and master classes, study in the internationally regarded Archives, and live on the historically significant grounds of Jacob's Pillow. Alumni of The School appear in *Dance Magazine's* "25 to Watch," on Broadway, and in major companies worldwide. Last year, 29 alumni of The School returned as Festival artistic directors, choreographers, and performers.

Participation in the workshops can fulfill The School's Musical Theatre Dance Program audition requirements. For specific 2016 Program details, and complete application guidelines, visit www.jacobspillow.org/education/school.

When: Monday, February 1
Registration: 5-5:45pm
Workshop: 6-10pm
Ripley-Grier Studios

Sunday, February 14
Registration: 4-4:45pm
Workshop: 5-9pm
Steps on Broadway

Monday, March 14
Registration: 5-5:45pm
Workshop: 6-10pm
Ripley-Grier Studios

Where: Steps on Broadway
2121 Broadway
New York, NY 10023

Ripley-Grier Studios
520 8th Ave
New York, NY 10018

Scholarship

Opportunities: Applicants auditioning by video for the Musical Theatre Dance Program are eligible for consideration of the Lorna Strassler Award for Student Excellence, which provides a full scholarship and \$2,500 cash award. Jacob's Pillow Scholarships are also available for any dancer needing financial assistance with the program fee.

For more information about scholarships, visit
www.jacobspillow.org/education/school/scholarships.

About:

The School at Jacob's Pillow is one of America's most prestigious training centers for dance, encompassing four professional advancement programs in Ballet, Cultural Traditions, Contemporary, and Musical Theatre Dance. An integral part of Jacob's Pillow, The School draws program participants and acclaimed artist faculty from all corners of the globe and is one of only five organizations in the United States selected for the Talented Students in the Arts Initiative award, a collaboration between the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Surdna Foundation, Inc. Through this initiative, the Pillow has been able to establish The Fund for Jacob's Pillow School Endowment to ensure the availability of scholarships, world-class faculty, and free access to all Festival performances and events for all faculty and students. Alumni of The School include dance luminaries such as Nikolaj Hübbe, Meredith Monk, Mia Michaels, Robert Swinston, and So You Think You Can Dance winner Joshua Allen. Others appear in Dance Magazine's "25 To Watch," on Broadway, and in major companies worldwide. For more information, visit www.jacobspillow.org/education/school.

Jacob's Pillow, celebrating its 84th Festival in 2016, is a National Historic Landmark, recipient of the National Medal of Arts, and home to America's longest-running international dance festival. Each Festival includes more than 50 national and international dance companies and 350 free and ticketed performances, talks, tours, classes, exhibits, and events. The School at Jacob's Pillow, one of the most prestigious professional dance training centers in the U.S., encompasses the diverse disciplines of Ballet, Cultural Traditions, Contemporary, and Musical Theatre Dance, as well as an Intern Program in various disciplines of arts administration, design, video, and production. The Pillow's extensive Archives, open year-round to the public, chronicle more than a century of dance in photographs, programs, books, costumes, audiotapes, and videos. Year-round Community Programs enrich the lives of children and adults through public classes, residencies in area schools, and an extensive schedule of free public events. Through Jacob's Pillow Curriculum in Motion®, a nationally-

recognized program, Artist Educators work with Berkshire County teachers and students grades K-12, transforming curricula such as biology, literature, and history into kinesthetic and creative learning experiences. Creative Development Residencies, in which dance companies are invited to live and work at the Pillow and enjoy unlimited studio time; choreography commissions; and the annual \$25,000 Jacob's Pillow Dance Award all support visionary dance artists and choreographers. The Pillow's digital initiatives are aimed at expanding global audiences for dance and offers the opportunity to experience dance and Jacob's Pillow from anywhere in the world via online interactive exhibits, global video networks, and social media. An important part of the Pillow's digital presence, Jacob's Pillow Dance Interactive is a curated online video collection of dance highlights from 1933 to today. On March 2, 2011, President Obama honored Jacob's Pillow with a National Medal of Arts, the highest arts award given by the United States Government, making the Pillow the first dance presenting organization to receive this prestigious award. For more information, visit www.jacobspillow.org.

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