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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacob's Pillow Receives Grant for New Community Engagement Project

The Ford Foundation has awarded the Pillow \$300,000 to support the *Pittsfield Moves!* program. The yearlong project will be led by choreographer Paloma McGregor, a former Urban Bush Women and Dance Exchange dancer. Conceived in collaboration with The Berkshire Bridges–Working Cities Pittsfield Initiative, an organization that supports people moving out of poverty, the intention is to encourage local businesses and nonprofits to collaborate on a dance work with the community of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. “Our idea,” says Jacob’s Pillow director Pamela Tatge, “is to have an embedded choreographer who takes their cues from the issues and stories of the people in the city and co-creates a work that will have manifestations both at the Pillow and in Pittsfield.” The Pillow plans to host an international summit in spring 2019, when the project will be presented.



Pittsfield Moves! Workshop; photo Keith Forman. Lead Artist Paloma McGregor, photo Melisa Cardona. Core Facilitator Meghan (MK) Abadoo; photo Christopher Duggan.

Learn more about *Pittsfield Moves!* at jacobspillow.org/programs/pittsfield-moves