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**Presenting Denver and Newman Center for the Performing Arts Co-present the
2020 Presenting Denver Dance Festival**

Presenting Denver in partnership with The Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts announce their intent to co-present the Presenting Denver Dance Festival on June 20-21 of 2020.

“The application process is always a very exciting time around the Presenting Denver office. With a statewide call for submissions and an independent panel of jurors, we try to make our applications as approachable as possible. We never know who will apply and what they are eager to create, but we recognize our state is full of exceptional talent. We look forward to a Festival that will represent the diverse landscape of Colorado dance. We cannot wait to see who will take the stage in 2020.” said Meredith Hutson, Executive Director for Presenting Denver. “The Newman Center is delighted to co-present the Presenting Denver Dance Festival again in 2020. As a regular presenter of nationally touring dance companies, the Newman Center is an ideal facility for dance and co-presenting this Festival with Presenting Denver enables us to showcase established Colorado-based dance companies as well as emerging companies and choreographers. The Festival is a great opportunity for the Newman Center to engage with the regional dance community.” said Kendra Whitlock Ingram, Executive Director for The Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts. “Through our partnership with the Newman Center, together, we are able to offer a unique opportunity for Colorado artists to perform at such a prestigious venue. It is inspiring to see the campus light up with dance over the event-filled weekend.” said Meredith Hutson.

Following the highly successful inaugural event in 2018, Presenting Denver and the Newman Center are thrilled to co-present the biennial **Presenting Denver Dance Festival on June 20-21, 2020** at the University of Denver. The festival will feature 20 Colorado artists.

Together, Presenting Denver and the Newman Center are seeking applications from Colorado residents ages 18 years or older in the categories of “New Work” and the “Community Presentation”. Applications will be accepted from June 1, 2019 - July 31, 2019. Interested applicants can apply online via Presenting Denver’s website at <http://presentingdenver.org/pd-dance-festival/>.

New Works will be shown at the Main Stage and Public Stage showcases. Presenting Denver and the Newman Center are seeking world premiers of new and original dance/choreography solos, duets, group, and interactive/immersive dance performance to be performed live at the 2020 Presenting Denver Dance Festival.

For the Community Presentations, which will take place on the outdoor Public Stage, Presenting Denver and the Newman Center are seeking applications that broaden the scope of how audience/participants experience dance. For example, a dance demonstration, a dance history lecture, or a dance class. The Community Presentations are meant to engage and entice audience members to explore their relationship with dance, whether as a student, observer, or participant, outside of the traditional audience/spectator dynamic.

Back by popular demand will be choreographer Edgar L. Page, who was selected as the “Audience Favorite Award” at the 2018 Dance Festival. We are excited to invite Edgar L. Page: Feel the Movement to be our inaugural Artist-in-Residence for the 2020 Presenting Denver Dance Festival. Edgar L. Page: Feel the Movement will create a special world premiere for the 2020 Dance Festival during their residency for the Main Stage. “The Presenting Denver Dance Festival was an incredible opportunity to be introduced to and make connections with other amazing local artists. As an emerging choreographer having my work presented in collaboration with the Robert and Judi Newman Center was a huge deal. Throughout the experience I learned so much more about myself and the wealth of talent Colorado has to offer. I am so excited to participate in the 2020 Festival, and share what my company, Edgar L. Page: Feel the Movement, has been working on. We are so grateful to have been invited back as the first recipient of the Audience Favorite Award.” said Edgar L. Page.

The Dance Festival will feature additional programming over the weekend. Stay tuned for more information.

About Presenting Denver: Presenting Denver is a 501(c)(3) organization based in Denver, Colorado. Presenting Denver was founded in 2013 with a commitment to define Denver as an innovative dance hub. Linking education, accessibility and the performances of dance, Presenting Denver’s mission is to support the art of dance through increased public exposure and the appreciation of movement as an innovative art form. Our vision is to inspire individuals to connect and reconsider their world through the art of movement. Additional information can be found [online](#).

About The Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts: Opened in 2002, the Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Denver is a multi-disciplinary arts venue that provides innovative, diverse, and thought-provoking performance and education opportunities, enabling the Denver and Colorado community to be engaged, inspired, and connected through the performing arts. The Newman Center is home to the Lamont School of Music, DU Theatre Department, the Newman Center Presents series, over 150 hosted events, and approximately 500 performances each year. More information can be found [online](#) and on [Facebook](#).

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