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Between Gestures **A 10 day festival connecting Chicago to Europe through performance and dance**

From October 24 to November 2, 2019, the [Cultural Services of the Consulate of France in Chicago](#) and the [Goethe-Institut Chicago](#) will come together to celebrate and explore contemporary dance and performance from Europe.

Created in dialogue with two European cultural institutions, the [Centre national de la Danse](#) in Pantin, France (as part of [Caravane, a mobile CN D](#) and [PACT Zollverein](#) in Essen, Germany, Between Gestures invites you to a ten-day multifaceted program across the city composed of:

- 8 performances by groundbreaking artists and choreographers based in Europe. Memory of the gesture and our artistic heritage are at core in all of these works.
- 4 public conversations between European and American experts who, through different topics, will bring keys to understanding dance, its context and history from both sides of the Atlantic
- 4 masterclasses for students and professional artists led by European guest choreographers
- A series of screenings with dance films, portraits and documentaries from Europe

Our partners in Chicago, who will host Between Gestures, are the Dance Center of Columbia College, the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Poetry Foundation, the Stony Island Arts Bank, the School of the Art Institute, the Chicago Architecture Biennial and the Chicago International Film Festival.

Alongside this incredible range of partners, Between Gestures has been made possible thanks to the support of the German-French Cultural Fund that promotes Franco-German cooperation abroad by supporting cultural and artistic projects.

This program is also supported by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the United States, the Goethe-Institut, FACE in Chicago, the Friends of Goethe Chicago, Chicago Dancemakers Forum and Northwestern University.

Conceived as a platform for exchange, transmission and discovery for artists, professionals and the public, Between Gestures aims to connect Chicago to the European dance and performance art scenes and to foster international artistic cooperation.

Check the full program (most of the events are free to the public!) and we hope to see you during Between Gestures! www.betweengestures.org

We are looking forward to getting in touch with all the supporters and fans of contemporary dance and performance art in Chicago. See you in October!

Tanguy Accart, Cultural Attaché, Consulate General of France in Chicago
Petra Roggel, Director Goethe-Institut Chicago

BETWEEN GESTURES PROGRAM

Conversation #1 | Thu, Oct 24 | 5:00 PM

Columbia College Chicago - Sherwood Music School

Thinking Bodies and Embodied Thought

www.betweengestures.org/conversation-1

Performance | Thu, Oct 24 | 7:30 PM

Dance Center Columbia College Chicago

Pol Pi: *ECCE (H)OMO*

www.betweengestures.org/pol-pi

Conversation #2 | Fri, Oct 25 | 5:00 PM

Columbia College Chicago - Sherwood Music School

Archives in Motion

www.betweengestures.org/conversation-2

Performance | Fri, Oct 25 | 7:30 PM

Dance Center Columbia College Chicago

Noé Soulier: *Movement on Movement*

www.betweengestures.org/noe-soulier

Conversation #3 | Sat, Oct 26 | 3:00 PM

Stony Island Arts Bank

Dance and Activism

<https://www.betweengestures.org/conversation-3>

Performance | Sat, Oct 26 | 5:00 PM

Stony Island Arts Bank

Trajal Harrell: *The Return of la Argentina*

www.betweengestures.org/trajal-harrell

followed by DJ set featuring Arts Bank music resident

Conversation #4 | Sun, Oct 27 | 11:00 AM

Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

Notes on Agency - Dance in the Museum

www.betweengestures.org/conversation-4

Performances & Screenings | Sun, Oct 27 | 11:00 AM-4:30 PM

Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

Trajal Harrell: *Okidoki*

Ola Maciejewska: *Loïe Fuller: Research*

A selection of films, portraits and documentaries from the Nouvelle Cinémathèque de la danse (CND)

www.betweengestures.org/harrell-maciejewska

Performance | Wed, Oct. 30 | 7:00 PM

Poetry Foundation

avery r. young & Dorothee Munyaneza: *Poetry off the Shelf*

www.betweengestures.org/poetry-off-the-shelf

BETWEEN GESTURES PROGRAM CONTINUED

Screenings | Thu, Oct. 24 - Sun, Oct 27

Chicago International Film Festival

And Then We Danced,

Cunningham

Isadora's children

www.betweengestures.org/ciff

Performance – Thu, Oct 30 – Sat, Nov 1

Art Institute of Chicago

Alexandra Bachzetsis: *Chasing a ghost*

www.betweengestures.org/alexandra-bachzetsis

MASTER CLASSES

These 3-hours master classes are free and open to any artist and student interested in movement. Registration is required and space is limited. More information at www.betweengestures.org/master-classes

Thu, Oct. 24 | 10:30 AM

Noé Soulier: Practical Movements

The Dance Center - Columbia College Chicago

Fri, Oct. 25 | 10 AM

Ola Maciejewska: Afterlives

The Dance Center - Columbia College Chicago

Sat, Oct. 26 | 10 AM

Pol Pi: Searching for one's dance in someone else's dance

The Dance Center - Columbia College Chicago

Mon, Oct. 28 | 6 PM

Trajal Harrell: Maybe To Spectacle

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

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