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transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project Celebrates Virtual Open House and Ribbon Cutting of New Arts Center in East San Diego County on April 16th

Grammy-Award Winner Jason Mraz to perform, Lemon Grove Mayor to join other local officials in marking the occasion



April 6, 2021 (San Diego) — transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project, a nationally-recognized creative development organization that works with teens in underserved San Diego communities, will officially unveil its new arts center with a virtual open house, ribbon cutting, and dance performance on Friday, April 16. Jason Mraz, who performed last year at [two sold-out shows of “SHINE” with transcenDANCE students](#) and alumni will virtually join the celebration of their new campus in Lemon Grove.

The location establishes a new home for the nonprofit and enables it to enhance and expand its [holistic program offerings](#), such as providing access to mental health services, and increases its impact on the communities it serves. Established in 2006, transcenDANCE is a nationally-recognized creative youth development organization that provides underserved middle and high school students (most of whom are young women of color) in San Diego County with equitable access to enrichment opportunities.

Since it was established 15 years ago, transcenDANCE has operated out of borrowed, shared, and rundown spaces throughout San Diego, never having the security and continuity of a home of its own. Through an innovative and unique collaboration, the new 6,000 sq. ft. campus is located on the ground floor of [Citronica, a mixed-use, affordable housing complex](#) located near the Lemon Grove trolley station. It features two state-of-the-art dance studios, therapy and administrative offices, a kitchen and a separate community workshop area.

“We’re excited about the ways our new home will help bring our mission to life as we guide young people in underserved communities to transcend barriers, expand their ambitions, and create positive change for themselves, their families, and their communities,” said Cat Corral, Co-Founder and Artistic/Executive Director of transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project. “We hope the community will join us on April 16 to celebrate this new space, which we envision becoming a thriving creative hub in Lemon Grove, serving residents and neighboring communities to become part of an ecosystem that creates systemic change. We would also appreciate the community’s support in helping us reach our goal of raising \$400,000.”

Supporters can get involved by donating to the capital campaign <https://transcendance.givecloud.co/product/CAPITAL/join-us-in-creating-our-new-home> or attending an event:

[Virtual Open House & Ribbon Cutting: transcenDANCE Arts Center | April 16 at 2:00 PM PDT](#)
[transcenDANCE Arts Center](#) Virtual Open House & Ribbon Cutting will be a livestreamed event available online at tdarts.org and on [transcenDANCE’s Facebook page](#). Jason Mraz will perform online.

The event will be held in conjunction with a three-day, on-demand showing of [“Home within a Home,” an original documentary dance film](#) showcasing transcenDANCE students. TranscenDANCE programs change the trajectory of students’ lives by building resilience, confidence, and creativity and by instilling life-changing skills such as leadership, collaboration, and community engagement.

[Film Screening: HOME within a HOME | April 16, 17, 18, 2021](#)

Tickets are on sale now for a three-day film pass to screen *HOME within a HOME* where you can watch how transcenDANCE students, determined to remain hopeful during the pandemic, created spaces for respite and creativity within themselves, their homes and the transcenDANCE community. Tickets are \$10. Ticket purchasers will receive a link to access the film online from the comfort of their home.

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About transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project

Established in 2006, transcenDANCE is a nationally-recognized creative youth development organization that provides underserved middle and high school students in San Diego County with equitable access to enrichment opportunities. At transcenDANCE, students receive dance training, performance opportunities, writing instruction and theater coaching. They also have access to therapists, mentors, leadership courses, wellness and life skills workshops, college-readiness programs, and are provided with nutritious snacks and meals. In addition to core programs that take place at transcenDANCE arts center, the nonprofit organization provides outreach programs for schools, community centers, and libraries.