



A rendering of the new Perles Family Studio at Jacob's Pillow by Flansburgh Architects. Image: Dongik Lee.

Jacob's Pillow announces year-round dance studio

Becket — On Saturday, Aug. 27, during the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival Finale, director Pamela Tatge announced the Pillow's plans to build a new dance studio on its campus. A kick-off to the coming 85th anniversary season and an anchor project of the organization's upcoming capital campaign, the building of the studio signifies the Pillow's commitment to year-round creative development, engagement, and educational programs. An official ground-breaking ceremony will take place at the Pillow on Friday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m.

The Pillow has contracted with Allegrone Companies of Pittsfield to construct the new studio, to be named the Perles Family Studio in recognition of a lead gift from the Perles Family Foundation and Jacob's Pillow Trustee Claudia Perles. The project will be designed by Flansburgh Architects of Boston and is projected to be complete by the end of Festival 2017.



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The Perles Family Studio will be the new home for the School at Jacob's Pillow and its pre-professional training programs. Sommers Studio, the School's current rehearsal building, was built in the late 1920s, moved to the Pillow property in 1951, and renovated in 1955. The Perles Family Studio will boast a 3,500 square foot sprung dance floor, high ceilings, a private porch overlooking the Inside/Out stage, dressing rooms, offices, storage space, and temperature control for year-round use. An observation deck will seat up to 29 patrons, will double the capacity for viewers, and will include a

separate entrance to minimize disturbances while encouraging observation of the students in rehearsal. The space will also allow for more than 150 patrons to viewings of the School during indoor Inside/Out performances, contrasting the limited 45 seats currently available for performances inside Sommers Studio.

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Kinderland Arts & Activism Festival

Tolland — Camp Kinderland will launch its inaugural Kinderland Arts & Activism Festival Saturday, Sept. 3, and Sunday, Sept. 4, at Camp Kinderland. The family-friendly Festival aims to foster artistic collaboration for social justice, and bring together musicians, artists, dancers, activists and organizers for a celebration of art as an agent of peace. Headlining the festival are folk musician and songwriter Dar Williams and blues artist Guy Davis. The festival will feature more than 20 musical guests from around the world and a



Dar Williams.