ADF CALL FOR PERFORMERS

ON DISPLAY
Directed by Heidi Latsky

The American Dance Festival, in celebration of its 40th year in Durham and in association with Duke Homestead, is presenting ON DISPLAY on Sunday, July 9. We are seeking a diverse group of community members including people of all ages (no younger than 17), shapes, ethnicities, gender identities, and abilities to participate. **No formal dance experience is required.**

ON DISPLAY is a living gallery designed to experience and broadcast difference, while celebrating it within the context of unity and diversity. The two themes of the event are inclusion and diversity; the multi-ethnic cast fulfills the easily identified notion of diversity, but the specific abilities of the performers emphasize the concept. Members of the disability, performance, and fashion worlds are often stared at and objectified in their daily lives. As we take back what it means to be stared at or to engage with an unexpected body, we collectively shift the perception of beauty.

The movement installation will involve a strong internal focus, stillness, and a simple improvisational structure with minimal movement. **Interested participants must be able to achieve stillness for an extended period of time.** Performers will pose throughout the space, choosing when—and when not—to make eye contact with audience members who will be walking around and through the installation. All participants must be able to:

- Follow directions and achieve stillness (chairs are available to perform seated if needed)
- Attend rehearsals on July 8 and 9 at Duke Homestead
- Perform the installation for 1 ½ hour on July 9 at Duke Homestead
- Provide their own simple elegant bright white clothing that does not look like dancewear or have logos

**Rehearsals:** Saturday, July 8, 5:00-8:00pm & Sunday, July 9, 2:00-5:00pm

**Performance** (free and open to the public): Sunday, July 9, 5:00pm-6:30pm

**Location:** Duke Homestead, 2828 Duke Homestead Rd, Durham, NC 27705

Interested participants should contact Shannon Drake at Shannon@americandancefestival.org or 919-684-6402 for more information and sign up for the experience [here](mailto:heidilatskydance.com/on-display). If you are younger than 17 or are unable to sustain stillness for extended periods, contact Shannon about another way to participate in the performance. Learn more at [www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org).

**Heidi Latsky (Artistic Director/Choreographer/Performer),** originally from Montreal, received recognition as a celebrated principal dancer for the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company (1987-1993). A choreographer for stage, theater, and film, Latsky has a BA in Psychology from Carleton University (1979). The Cannes International Dance Festival, American Dance Festival, Danspace Project, Whitney Museum of Art, and The Joyce Theater, among others, have commissioned her choreography. Visit [heidilatskydance.com/on-display](http://heidilatskydance.com/on-display) for more.