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## Dance organization seeks members

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A new dance organization is launching next month, and local educators and dancers are encouraged to get involved. The Kern Dance Alliance, founded by local dance advocate Andrea Hansen, is launching May 1. The alliance is not a studio but a way for local dancers to connect and participate in various programs. Membership and donations will open at the start of the month.

Kern Dance Alliance is based on four parts: Dance community alliance, to share information; professional development for teachers, providing educators with tools and programs to improve the quality of their education; professional performances/master classes from national and international dancers; and scholarships and grants for students and professionals.

The board is made up of dancers, art advocates, community leaders, educators and business executives. Members will be educators, advocates, administrators, students and professionals. Between the directors and members, all genres of dance will be covered by the alliance.

Two of the programs the alliance will put on are "Shine For Girls: Math + Dance = Success" and a children's dance education and outreach program at the Fox Theater for underserved children.

For more information on Kern Dance Alliance, including programs and membership, visit [kerndance.org](http://kerndance.org), email [info@kerndance.org](mailto:info@kerndance.org) or call 491-5376.