

# RESPONDING TO DANCE

## STEP 1: Affirmation

“I absolutely loved...”

“I was really touched when you...”

## STEP 2: Artist asks a question

“I had trouble with...”

“I’m concerned about...”

## STEP 3: Responders ask a question

“Did you intend to...?”

“Why did you choose to...?”

## STEP 4: Suggestions / Opinions

“I have an idea. Would you like to hear it?”

## STEP 5: Storytelling if relevant

“I know a cool fact that might help!”

## REMEMBER:

- Follow the steps! Don't get out of order.
- What you share must be constructive (kind, non-judgmental, helpful, using questions more than comments)
- Listen carefully to the artist's needs/questions before responding
- Put your ego aside- this is about the dance, not the dancer.
- Look at the work from the viewpoint of the artist, not YOUR viewpoint.