



TILTshift Dance is having an open call for performers for **AADF2025 Community Showcase** to be held Sunday, Aug 24th at City Heights Performance Annex and Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park. Community Showcase is part of AADF2025, San Diego's first Asian American Dance Festival.

Learn more about AADF2025 here - <https://tiltshiftdance.org/aadf>.

Overview

Community Showcase day celebrates the diversity of our AAPI communities through dance. As an embodied practice, dance is a powerful way to express ourselves, to tell our stories, and to commune, engage with, and uplift one another.



This all-day showcase will be held on the City Heights Performance Annex stage, facing out towards the Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park. Local AAPI student and community dance/movement artists are invited to share short pieces alongside cultural dance/movement troupes, representing the broad diversity of the Asian and Pacific Islander diaspora. Cultural dance/movement artists may also offer classes from the stage for audiences to participate in. Organizations and vendors are welcome to set-up booths along the edge of the park.

Timeline

- Jun 2 - Applications opens
- Jun 30 - Applications due
- Jul 7 - Artists notified via email
- Aug 4 - Selected artists submit final work
- Aug 16-21 - Tech rehearsal (scheduled time slots)
- Aug 24 - Community Showcase 11am-5pm



Performer Eligibility & Guidelines

- Applicant must be 18 years of age or older. If applying as a group, the applicant must be the designated group director.
- Open to dance/movement groups and individual artists of all genres and styles (hip hop, k-pop, modern, contemporary, jazz, ballet, traditional cultural dance, martial arts, etc). Our goal is to feature a diversity.
- Cultural dance/movement groups may also include a beginner friendly 30 minute class after their performance to be taught from the stage. AADF2025 will choose and accept a maximum of 3 class offerings.
- Group must either be led by a person who identifies as AAPI or have significant ties to an AAPI community. All performers in the group do not need to identify as AAPI.
- Dance/movement pieces are limited to 8 minutes max.
- Dance/movement pieces must be family friendly and appropriate for all ages (no nudity or profanity).
- In your application, please be ready to share a video of your proposed piece or something representative of your proposed piece if not yet complete. You will also need to provide a description of the piece.
- No fee to participate.

Performer Requirements If Accepted

- Support and promote the festival and the community of artists involved, including sharing of social media posts, marketing materials, fundraising campaigns, etc.
- Provide information when requested regarding your piece, including but not limited to - names of performers, group bio, group photos, props, music, etc.
- If the performer is a group, the group director (the applicant) will be the main point of contact with AADF, TILTshift Dance, their staff, agents, and volunteers. It is the responsibility of the group director to disseminate information and ensure that all members of the group adhere to all policies and guidelines. The group director takes responsibility for the actions of all group members.
- Accepted artists will be required to sign a **Performer Hold Harmless Agreement** and **Media Release Form**.

What AADF Will Provide Performers

- Basic sound system to play recorded music, and microphone for teaching from stage.
- No lighting cues allowed.
- 15 minute tech rehearsal time slots during the week of the showcase (to be scheduled).
- Changing room - availability to be scheduled and limited to just before and after performance.
- \$50 stipend for cultural dance/movement artists chosen to teach a class after their performance.

How To Apply For Performers

To apply as a performer for the AADF2025 Community Showcase, please fill out all required sections of the application form. You will need to prepare and provide the following items:

- **Photos:** For groups - 2 photos (include a performance photo if possible). For individual artists - 1 headshot and 1 movement/performance photo.
- **Artist Bio (100 words max):** If the applicant is a group, the bio should reflect the group.
- **Introduction Video:** Link to 30sec-1min video introducing yourself and/or your group.
- **Title of Proposed Piece**
- **Description of Proposed Piece (50 words max)**
- **Video of Proposed Piece (8min max):** Link to a video of your proposed piece. Video should be either of a previous performance or high quality rehearsal. If your proposed piece is not yet complete, provide a sample of work that is representative of the piece you are proposing.

All applications must be submitted via the online form by **Monday, June 30, 2025, 11:59pm PST**.

Artists will be notified of results by **Monday, July 7, 2025** via email.

Applications for Performers opens on June 2, 2025.

Application link on webpage - <https://tiltshiftdance.org/community-performers>

For any questions, please email us at asianamericandancefestival@gmail.com, with the subject line: Community Showcase - Performer Inquiry.

Know an AAPI dance/movement artist or group who would like to participate?

If you know of an AAPI dance/movement artist or group who would like to participate, please share this information. You can also email us - asianamericandancefestival@gmail.com. We welcome dance/movement artists of all genres, representing the breadth and diversity of the AAPI diaspora!

It truly takes a village to bring projects like AADF to life...let's support and celebrate our fellow artists!