Garth Fagan to receive Lifetime Achievement Award

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Garth Fagan will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from American Dance Guild during its Celebrating Diversity festival Sept. 7-10 at The Joan Weill Center for Dance in New York City.

The event will celebrate American dance masters, including Fagan, through performances of 30-plus works by contemporary choreographers. “The American Dance Guild holds a unique position as both a promoter of the new and preserver of the living history of modern dance as an art form,” said Gloria McLean, president. “Each ADG festival honors at least two master choreographers ranging from modern to postmodern to performance art to cultural hybrids. This year’s festival, highlighting the guild’s 60 years of inclusiveness in dance and the diversity on which this country was built, is so poignant in this year of political change.”

Fagan is the founder and artistic director of Garth Fagan Dance in Rochester. He received a 1998 Tony Award for best choreography based on his work for “The Lion King.” Additional awards include the 1998 Drama Desk Award, 1998 Outer Critics Circle Award, 1998 Astaire Award, 2000 Laurence Olivier Award, 2001 Ovation Award and 2004 Helpmann Award.