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Introduction & Shared Concerns

Between April and May 2002, Dance/NYC hosted a series of seven needs assessment meetings with the New York City dance community. The meetings were held with companies of like size in order to encourage a comfortable atmosphere for dialogue. The groups were:

- Companies with budgets \$50,000 or under (2 meetings)
- Individual artists and freelance choreographers (2 meetings)
- Companies with budgets from \$50,000 to \$300,000
- Companies with budgets from \$300,000 to \$1 million
- Companies with budgets over \$1 million

133 companies or individuals participated in the meetings. Although each budget category had its own concerns, there was a remarkable consistency across all budget sizes in several broad categories of need. These were:

Shared Concerns

- The state of dance criticism in New York City and the need to improve the situation.
- The ongoing problems associated with real estate: for dance space and administrative space.
- Housing for dancers: short or long term, how can dancers afford to live in New York City?
- A desire for more meeting with funders to introduce both sides to each other.

- Message Board on the Dance/NYC website.
- Roundtable/think tank sessions for various relevant topics - information sharing sessions.
- Mentoring programs for arts managers at various levels.