

## **Congrats to the 2015 Princess Grace Award Winners!**

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Every year, the Princess Grace Foundation honors a few lucky members of the arts community. Getting a Princess Grace Award (which comes with a generous grant) is like joining one of the most elite clubs around—a club that includes David Hallberg, Tiler Peck, Mike Minery, Gillian Murphy, Kyle Abraham, Drew Jacoby and Isabella Bolyston. It's also, as you can tell by that insane list of names, a pretty solid indicator of future success.

So we'd like to give a shout-out to the winners of this year's Princess Grace Awards in the dance category, announced yesterday. SNAPS, y'all! You guys are already extraordinary, and we can't wait to see what heights you'll reach.

Just who are these fabulous honorees? Here's the list:

## Courtney Celeste Spears (hi Courtney!) of Ailey II...



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- ...Babatunji Johnson of Alonzo King Lines Ballet...
- ...Lani Dickinson, a BFA student in the LINES Ballet Dominican University program (LINES, represent!)...
- ...Emilie Leriche of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago...
- ... Harper Watters of Houston Ballet...
- ...and Ching Ching Wong of Northwest Dance Project (look for her in our September issue!).

A dance honorarium was also awarded to the gorgeous Cassandra Trenary, one of American Ballet Theatre's newest soloists...

...and Whim W'him's James Gregg and The Big Muddy Dance Company's Joshua Manculich received choreography awards:

Congratulations! View the full list of 2015 Princess Grace Award winners here.