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## The Music Center Mourns the Passing of Gloria Kaufman, Benefactor of the Acclaimed Gloria Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center

**LOS ANGELES (August 5, 2025)** - Today, Rachel S. Moore, president and CEO of The Music Center, issued the following statement:

"The Music Center and our Board of Directors are profoundly saddened to learn about the passing of Gloria Kaufman. An extraordinary champion of the performing arts and the dance field, in particular, Gloria was the catalyst for the growth of The



Music Center's acclaimed dance series, which is named *Gloria Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center* in her honor. Her gift to The Music Center has made it possible for us to bring the joy and beauty of dance into the hearts, minds and souls of countless Angelenos and visitors from around the world. As a result of Gloria's significant visionary leadership and generosity, *Gloria Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center* today stands as a vital part of Los Angeles' cultural fabric. We are honored to call Gloria a cherished friend and a devoted supporter of our work. We convey our heartfelt condolences to Gloria's family and friends and will dedicate our upcoming 2025 - 2026 season of *Gloria Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center* to honor her legacy."

In 2009, Gloria Kaufman made a \$20 million gift to The Music Center. Her inaugural contribution to the organization also became the largest donation in Los Angeles' dance history. Her celebrated gift set a new era for L.A.'s performing arts center to present a diverse range of internationally renowned dance companies--from The Joffrey Ballet, American Ballet Theatre and The Royal Ballet to Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Ballet Hispánico and numerous others--and to engage new audiences. The Music Center renamed its **dance series** in her honor, beginning with the 2009 - 2010 season.

Gloria was a widow to the late Donald Kaufman of KB Homes. Her Gloria Kaufman Dance Foundation has fueled the growth of other dance programs nationwide, including UCLA's Gloria Kaufman Dance Theater, The Juilliard School, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the USC Gloria Kaufman School of Dance.

### ABOUT THE MUSIC CENTER

As L.A.'s performing arts center, The Music Center convenes artists, communities and ideas with the goal of deepening the cultural lives of every resident in Los Angeles County. The \$80 million non-profit performing arts organization has two divisions: TMC Arts and TMC Ops. TMC Arts, The Music Center's programming engine, provides year-round programming inside The Music Center's four theatres, on Jerry Moss Plaza, outside at Gloria Molina Grand Park--a 12-acre adjacent green space--in schools and other locations all over Los Angeles County. TMC Arts presents world-class dance with *Gloria Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center*, free and low-cost public concerts and events, live and digital K-12 arts education programs, workshops, performances, interactive experiences and special events. TMC Ops manages the theatres, the Plaza and Gloria Molina Grand Park, which comprise \$3 billion in county assets, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. The Music Center is also home to four renowned resident companies--Center Theatre Group, Los Angeles Master Chorale, LA Opera and LA Phil. For more information, visit [musiccenter.org](https://musiccenter.org). Follow The Music Center on social media @MusicCenterLA.

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