

Documentary



Client: Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival

Client Objective

Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival recently celebrated its 76th season in the Massachusetts' Berkshires. It is the longest running dance festival in the U.S. and the only dance institution to be designated a National Historic Landmark for "its contribution to American culture." The Pillow decided it was time to produce a feature-length documentary that revealed the untold story of this emblematic institution that has survived through the decades to become "the hub and Mecca for dancing in America."



Solution

While most dance documentaries highlight a particular artist or company, Moving Pictures decided to focus the complex story of Jacob's Pillow as a unique place that has attracted a special breed of artists who have committed their lives to dance innovation. Shot over three seasons the documentary is currently being finished for broadcast release. By using the lens of Jacob's Pillow, this documentary introduces the viewer to a range of performers from world-class dance legends to the next generation of choreographers – their words and performances are powerful. Featured artists in the film include Merce Cunningham, Suzanne Farrell, Judith Jamison, Bill Irwin, Mark Morris, Paul Taylor and Rasta Thomas.