

Beverly Hills Sheet

An International Look for People Who Make a Difference

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Something Big is Happening in Dance

Gloria Kaufman is a very mild mannered person on the exterior, but a very strong person in the interior. She wheels a firm hand in business and in her philanthropy. She says "I choose you. You don't choose me." USC is very excited Gloria chose them! The gift of untold millions? USC built her dream dance school with her name on it: Gloria Kaufman International Dance Center, GKIDC.

She tells the story of how she met her husband, Donald Kaufman, a young struggling home builder. They went on a Blind Date set-up by a neighbor. The neighbor would see Gloria and her mother outside in the garden picking flowers. He said "I have a friend I would like to introduce you to. I want to get all the virgins off the block." Gloria and Donald met and hit it off so well. They married and had four children. Donald loved to dance, and that was all Gloria needed to know. Gloria would dance every night if she could. Gloria loves to watch the dance competitions on television. When you see the billboards that read Kaufman and Broad, Gloria is the "K" in the Corporation. She and Eli Broad's wife Edie are first cousins. The Dance World now has its own Angel, Gloria Kaufman. USC Kaufman School of Dance is the first New School to open since 1974 on the USC campus.

A New Hub For Dance

Beyond its scale, the sizable structure is also positioned to make a big impact on Southern California's creative community as a new hub for dance. Since welcoming its first BFA class in 2015, USC Kaufman has collaborated with some of the foremost dance innovators and companies in the world today. With its five dance studios and performance studio, the Gloria Kaufman International Dance Center designed by Pfeiffer Partners, creates a home for dance that will facilitate learning and artistic exploration for students and artist alike.

The Next Chapter In Dance History

With roots that trace back to pioneers of modern dance and dance on screen, Los Angeles remains a haven for artists at the frontiers of their fields. Now USC Kaufman is taking the next step, making an indelible mark on the history of dance in Los Angeles by creating a new home for the art form within the region's vibrant landscape.

Gloria Kaufman Presents Dance at The Music Center, is one of the leading presenters and commissioners of dance on the West Coast, offering significant works by internationally acclaimed ballet and contemporary dance companies. Collaboration with this program, USC Kaufman will create connections between students and distinguished dance artists through master classes, professional workshops and an artist-in-residence program.

Gloria Kaufman International Dance Center

