



Jeraldyn Blunden

1940 – 1999

Inducted 1999

Jeraldyn Blunden was the founder and artistic director of the esteemed *Dayton Contemporary Dance Company*, the world's largest repository of reconstructed dance works by African American choreographers. Ms. Blunden also founded *Jeraldyn's School of Dance*. The school has given many Miami Valley youth the opportunity to learn about modern dance and pursue a dancing career. Ms. Blunden won international acclaim for her work as a choreographer and teacher and received significant recognition including a 1998 *Dance Magazine Award*, an *Individual Artist Fellowship* from the National Endowment for the Arts and a *MacArthur "Genius" Fellows Award*. In 1997, she was named one of five *Dance Women: Living Legends*, "for keeping dance alive."

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