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**Converge Dance Festival Announces New Artistic Director and Launch of New Website**

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**Seattle, WA – Converge Dance Festival** is excited to announce that **Constanze Villines has been appointed new artistic director of the festival**, which runs yearly for one weekend in spring. The festival is also announcing the launch of its new **website [www.convergedancefestival.com](http://www.convergedancefestival.com)**

**Converge Dance Festival**, now in its 6th season, aims to support dance artists from emerging to mid-career, with a focus on innovation and outside the box ideas. The festival has a focus on building community and creating a space for artists to explore and feel free to take risks in their work.

The festival is excited to announce, that **Constanze Villines** is named the new director of the festival. She will be stepping into the role of artistic director and producer for the festival's 2019 season.

Constanze is a Seattle-based dance artist, who has been creating and producing work, as well as dance festivals for many years. She is thrilled to continue Converge's reputation of presenting Seattle audiences with high-quality contemporary dance works in a self-produced festival setting, while continuing to offer a platform to new and mid-career choreographers, as well as performance opportunities for Pacific Northwest dancers. Allowing artists, who are at the emergence of their career or who are working on establishing their place in the Seattle dance scene to take risks and feel comfortable to play with their artistic voice by giving them a fully-produced performance opportunity, was one of the main reasons why Constanze signed on. She is immensely passionate about supporting up-and-coming voices and let them shine on the Seattle dance festival stage.

[www.convergedancefestival.com](http://www.convergedancefestival.com) just launched as the festival's **new website**. After having been produced under the umbrella of the now-defunct Sapience Dance Collective since its inception in 2008, it is a way for the festival to continue to brand the festival's name and build audiences with the focus on one brand name.

This year's festival is set for May 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Velocity Dance Center, with four performances:

**Friday May 17 7pm & 9pm**  
**Saturday May 18 4pm and 8pm**

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