

Danse-Cité joins PACBI

In October 2025, Danse-Cité joined the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI), which is part of the international BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement.

Created in 2004 by Palestinian artists and academics, PACBI calls on the international cultural community to show solidarity with three central demands:

- to end the occupation and colonization of all Palestinian lands and dismantle the apartheid wall;
- to recognize the full right of Palestinians to equality, both within the 1948 borders and in the occupied territories;
- to uphold the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes, as established under international law and UN Resolution 194.

For Danse-Cité, this decision follows a process of reflection and discussion within our team, board of directors, and community members. It echoes and aligns with the concerns of many artists we work with, who seek to create spaces that are sensitive to social and political realities.

This commitment takes on particular meaning in the current context of genocide in Palestine, which profoundly challenges our cultural sector and our collective responsibilities.

We understand that this decision may bring about a range of perspectives. At Danse-Cité, this commitment carries no obligation of individual endorsement; it reflects our shared desire for dialogue and solidarity within our community.

For us, this is an important gesture—one that carries hope. Arts and culture are not neutral: they shape how the world is represented and can open spaces for reflection, resistance, and both personal and collective transformation. By joining PACBI, we aim to support artistic practices and collaborations that contribute to greater social justice, equity, and solidarity.

We hope this commitment will spark shared reflection within our community and help amplify the voices of artists and communities resisting oppression. We are new to this process and look forward to learning more.

In solidarity,
The Danse-Cité team and board