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The Western approach to dance is largely focused on control and mastery of technique, both of which are certainly necessary skills for improving performance. But mindful attention, despite its critical role in high performance, has gotten short shrift—until now. *Attention and Focus in Dance*, a how-to book rooted in the 20 years of attentional focus findings of researcher Gabriele Wulf, will help dancers unlock their power and stamina reserves, enabling efficient movement, heightening their sensory perception and releasing their dance potential. Author Clare Guss-West—a professional dancer, choreographer, teacher and holistic practitioner—presents a systematic, science-based approach to the mental work of dance. Her approach helps dancers hone the skills of attention, focus and self-cueing to replenish energy and enhance their physical and artistic performance. A Unique, Research-Based Approach Here is what *Attention and Focus in Dance* offers readers: A unique approach, connecting the foundations of Eastern movement with Western movement forms Research-based teaching practices in diverse contexts, including professional dance companies, private studios, and programmes for dancers with special needs or movement challenges Testimonies and tips from international professional dancers and dance educators who

use the book's approach in their training and teaching A dance-centric focus that can be easily integrated into existing training and teaching practice, in rehearsal, or in rehabilitation contexts to provide immediate and long-term benefits Guss-West explores attentional focus techniques for dancers, teachers and dance health care practitioners, making practical connections between research, movement theory and day-to-day dance practice. "Many dancers are using excessive energy deployment and significant counterproductive effort, and that can lead to a global movement dysfunction, lack of stamina and an increased risk of injury," says Guss-West. "Attentional focus training is the most relevant study that sport science and Eastern-movement practice can bring to dance." Book Organisation The text is organised into two parts. Part I guides dancers in looking at the attentional challenges and information overload that many professional dancers suffer from. It outlines the need for a systematic attention and focus strategy, and it explains how scientific research on attentional focus relates to dance practice. This part also examines the ways in which Eastern-movement principles intersect with and complement scientific findings, and it examines how the Eastern and scientific concepts can breathe new life into basic dance elements such as posture, turnout and port de bras. Attention and focus techniques are included for replenishing energy and protecting against energy depletion and exhaustion. Part II presents attention and focus strategies for teaching, self-coaching and cueing. It addresses attentional focus cues for beginners and for more advanced dancers and professionals, and it

places attentional focus in the broader context of holistic teaching strategies. Maximising Dance Potential "Whether cueing others or yourself, cueing for high performance is an art," Guss-West says. "Readers will discover how to format cues and feedback to facilitate effective neuromuscular response and enhance dancer recall of information and accessibility while dancing." *Attention and Focus in Dance* offers an abundance of research-backed concepts and inspirational ideas that can help dancers in their learning and performance. This book aids readers in filtering information and directing their focus for optimal physical effect. Ultimately, it guides dancers and teachers in being the best version of themselves and maximising their potential in dance.

Practical and Strategic Guidance From the Field Routledge

This introductory textbook looks at anatomy and kinesiology from the dancer's point of view. It begins by setting out the basic structures of the human body - bone, muscle, joints and nervous tissue - and then goes on to show how they interact to form anatomical systems. Finally it considers how these systems function in the dance class, addressing issues such as stretching, breathing, balance, warming up and warming down. Easy to follow and clearly illustrated with photographs and diagrams, 'Anatomy and Kinesiology for Ballet Teachers' will prove invaluable for both teachers and students in all styles of dance. Professor Eivind Thomsen was a celebrated orthopaedic surgeon who specialised in the treatment of dancers, and was consultant to the Royal Danish Ballet. Rachel-Anne Rist is Head of Dance at the Arts Educational School, Tring.

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Franklin provides 583 imagery exercises to improve dance technique, artistic expression and performance. More than 160 illustrations highlight the images, and the exercises can be put to use in dance movement and choreography.

[An Illustrated Guide to the Science of Motion](#) Human Kinetics

Never before has a greater variety of careers been available in dance—and never before has such comprehensive, expert guidance on those burgeoning careers been accessible in one book. *Careers in Dance* is a master guide that will help students navigate the expanding opportunities in dance and familiarize current professionals with potential career choices that best align with their pursuits and strengths. This highly practical text offers a wealth of information on career options in a variety of settings and with a variety of focuses, including commercial ventures, scholarly pursuits, administrative avenues, medical and scientific settings, and interdisciplinary opportunities. Readers are guided in discovering their deepest interests and learning how to translate their unique strengths into rich and fulfilling careers. In keeping with recent trends in higher education dance programs, *Careers in Dance* spotlights entrepreneurship and leadership opportunities for dancers, delving into an array of options and offering much-needed advice. The book covers some of the social and cultural influences that affect success in the field, and it explores various career opportunities: K-12 and postsecondary dance education Dance studios Performance, choreography, and production Dance research, analytical writing, and journalism Dance administration and advocacy Dance science, therapy, and medical and somatic practices Private competition companies Technical theater and related areas The text also helps readers understand the connections between dance and other disciplines. For example, it details the interdisciplinary opportunities involving technology, technical theater, and media. It also notes the possibilities for continued education in graduate school programs and suggests approaches to acclimating to life as a working professional. *Careers in Dance* offers two recurring elements throughout the book: Profiles of, and interviews with, esteemed professional dancers, revealing their real-world experiences and affording insights into different dance careers Reflection prompts that encourage self-reflection and prepare readers to seek career development and career advancement opportunities This text explores the opportunities dance students and professionals can pursue, helps them pinpoint their areas of interest and strengths, and equips them to create their unique paths to a fulfilling career in dance. In doing so, *Careers in Dance* provides the advice and strategies dancers need to actualize their own destinies in dance.

[Dance Medicine in Practice](#) Dance Anatomy and Kinesiology

Safe Dance Practice bridges the gap between research and application for dancers and dance educators at all levels. The book presents integrated guidelines and principles that will maximize physical and mental well-being without compromising creativity and expression.

[BodyStories](#) Cengage Learning

Karen Clippinger's first edition of *Dance Anatomy and Kinesiology* was hailed as the definitive text on the topic. This new edition builds on that success by retaining its scientific perspective while making the material more accessible to students and teachers. What's New? • A suite of online instructor and student ancillaries to support the text • An improved organization that will help teachers better cover the content in their courses • A reduction of the scientific depth to produce a more reader-friendly book that focuses on the musculoskeletal anatomy and kinesiology that dancers need to know • Graphics, photos, and anatomical illustrations that demonstrate muscle movements and technique considerations and set the book apart from others in its field Primary Focus While much is new in this second edition, Clippinger retains her emphasis on presenting the anatomical and kinesiological material that is essential for dancers to understand. The text includes descriptions of joint structure, key muscles, common alignment problems, select joint mechanics, and movement analysis and includes sample strength and flexibility exercises for each region of the body. Accessible to a Wider Audience Clippinger has made this second edition more engaging to a wider audience and narrowed the scope of the material so it can be more readily covered in a single undergraduate course. And while many of the text examples are dance-specific, its applied nature and its many illustrations make it a great reference for Pilates, yoga, and fitness instructors as well as dance educators and dedicated dancers. New Ancillaries • An instructor guide featuring a sample syllabus and course outline, chapter outlines, lab assignments, answers to review questions, and sample tests • A presentation package providing slides with text and graphics that reinforce key points • A student web resource including assignments, outlines, study sheets, and 20 video clips that demonstrate technique and correction guidelines This new

edition will give teachers a clearer picture of the anatomical and kinesiological factors that aid in generating technique cues and identifying technique problems. It will provide dancers with a better understanding of overcoming technique challenges and preventing injuries. Its solid grounding in the sciences, along with the art and accessible text, will help teachers become more effective and empower dancers to realize their potential and artistic vision. Quotes The first edition of *Dance Anatomy and Kinesiology* was hailed by reviewers as "most likely to become the definitive text in dance anatomy, kinesiology, and conditioning classes" (*Journal of Dance Medicine and Science*); "a must for any dance teacher who is serious about helping their students" (*Australia Dance Teacher Magazine*); and "the most substantive dance science resource to date" (*Journal of Dance Education*).

[Dancing Longer, Dancing Stronger](#) Human Kinetics

Based on the latest scientific research, *Dancing Longer, Dancing Stronger* offers a complete conditioning program to help dancers improve technique and lessen the danger of injury. By presenting general principles of injury prevention as well as specific exercises for increasing strength and flexibility, the book provides information that dancers of all ages and skill levels can use to improve performance. Common problems are discussed in a question and answer format. It also gives a thorough overview of anatomy and exercise physiology.

[Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology](#) Human Kinetics

BodyStories is a book that engages the general reader as well as the serious student of anatomy. Thirty-one days of learning sessions heighten awareness about each bone and body system and provide self-guided studies. The book draws on Ms. Olsen's thirty years as a dancer and teacher of anatomy to show how our attitudes and approaches to our body affect us day to day. Amusing and insightful personal stories enliven the text and provide ways of working with the body for efficiency and for healing. *BodyStories* is used as a primary text in college dance departments, massage schools, and yoga training programs internationally.

Dance Books Limited

Intended for dance teachers and students, and serves as a reference for dance professionals. This text covers the basic anatomical and biomechanical principles that apply to optimal performance in dance. It focuses on skeletal and muscular systems to provide readers with the understanding needed to improve movement and reduce injuries.

[Conditioning for Dance 2nd Edition](#) North Atlantic Books

Dance Medicine in Practice is the complete physical textbook for dance, written specifically to help dancers understand the anatomy, function and care of their bodies. Specific chapters are devoted to focusing on the spine, pelvis, hips, knees, feet, shoulders and arms. Each of these covers the following key aspects: Anatomy: bone structure, musculature, and function. How each part of the body moves and how it responds under pressure Pitfalls: Common examples of bad practice and the effect that these can have on the body Self Analysis: How to become aware of and muscle groups and the capacity of each joint. Injury Prevention: Tips and advice on how to best avoid and prevent injury both in training and everyday life Exercises: Simple and effective methods of strengthening, mobilising and relaxing joints and muscles Checklists: Dos and Don'ts for the best dance technique. The best dancers know that looking after their bodies is the key to their success, and *Dance Medicine in Practice* also covers how to ensure the best possible nutrition, plan and manage training schedules, and ensure that injuries are kept to a minimum both in frequency and impact. It is the best possible companion to a life in dance.

[Dance Anatomy and Kinesiology, 2E](#) Wesleyan University Press

A working knowledge of the science of movement can help any dancer achieve the goals of excellent performance and avoidance of injury. For students and others in pursuit of that knowledge, *Dance Kinesiology* is a comprehensive introduction to the ways muscles and bones work in all types of dance.

[Conditioning for Dancers](#) Human Kinetics

Introduction to Sports Biomechanics has been developed to introduce you to the core topics covered in the first two years of your degree. It will give you a sound grounding in both the theoretical and practical aspects of the subject. Part One covers the anatomical and mechanical foundations of biomechanics and Part Two concentrates on the measuring techniques which sports biomechanists use to study the movements of the sports performer. In addition, the book is highly illustrated with line drawings and photographs which help to reinforce explanations and examples.

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John Wiley & Sons

Awareness of movement potential," says author Jo Ann Staugaard-Jones, "is key to a healthy body and injury prevention." *The Anatomy of Exercise & Movement* shows readers how to gain that awareness by understanding the biomechanics of movement. In ten chapters, color-coded for easy reference, the author covers all of the major muscle and joint areas, including the spine; core region; shoulder; elbow; wrist and hand; and hip, knee, and ankle/foot joints. Most importantly, each chapter contains strengthening and stretching exercises for all of the above areas. Developed as a handbook, *The Anatomy of Exercise & Movement* is an accessible resource for anyone who would like to know more about his or her body, how it moves, and what can be done to improve that movement. The more than 275 high-quality, four-color anatomical drawings and the broad scope of muscle and joint groups make this one of the most important guides to the moving body on the market. A helpful "Myths" page at the end of each chapter debunks many of the misunderstandings and rumors about fitness that have circulated over the years.

[A Handbook for Teachers of Children, Kindergarten Through Sixth Grade](#) Human Kinetics

In *Choreographing in Color*, J. Lorenzo Perillo investigates the development of Filipino popular dance and performance since the late 20th century. Drawing from nearly two decades of ethnography, choreographic analysis, and community engagement with artists, choreographers, and organizers, Perillo shifts attention away from the predominant Philippine neoliberal and U.S. imperialist emphasis on Filipinos as superb mimics, heroic migrants, model minorities, subservient wives, and nature dancers and instead asks: what does it mean for Filipinos to navigate the violent forces of empire and neoliberalism with street dance and Hip-Hop? Employing critical race, feminist, and performance studies, Perillo analyzes the conditions of possibility that gave rise to Filipino dance phenomena across viral, migrant, theatrical, competitive, and diplomatic performance in the Philippines and diaspora. Advocating for serious engagements with the dancing body, Perillo rethinks a staple of Hip-Hop's regulation, the "euphemism," as a mode of social critique for understanding how folks have engaged with both racial histories of colonialism and gendered labor migration. Figures of euphemism - the zombie, hero, robot, and judge - constitute a way of seeing Filipino Hip-Hop as contiguous with a multi-racial repertoire of imperial crossing, thus uncovering the ways Black dance intersects Filipino racialization and reframing the ongoing, contested underdog relationship between Filipinos and U.S. global power. *Choreographing in Color* therefore reveals how the Filipino dancing body has come to be, paradoxically, both globally recognized and indiscernible.

[The Art of Production](#) The Crowood Press

Eric Franklin's first edition of *Conditioning for Dance* was a bestseller—and it is back and better than ever, offering state-of-the-art conditioning exercises for dancers. An internationally renowned master teacher, Franklin has developed a science-based method of conditioning that is taught and practiced in companies and schools around the world. In this new edition of *Conditioning for Dance*, he integrates the latest scientific research on strength, flexibility, and conditioning into his dance exercises.

[Anatomy, Injury Prevention, Training](#) Jones & Bartlett Learning

Suitable for dance teachers and students, as well as for dance professionals, this text covers the

basic anatomical and biomechanical principles that apply to optimal performance in dance. Focusing on skeletal and muscular systems, it provides the understanding needed to improve movement and reduce injuries.

Anatomy, Movement Analysis, and Conditioning Routledge

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help students form a connection to and appreciation for dance as both an art form and a lifetime physical activity, no matter their primary course of study or eventual career path"--

Dance Anatomy and Kinesiology Routledge

Dance Anatomy is a visually stunning presentation of more than 100 of the most effective dance, movement, and performance exercises, each designed to promote correct alignment, improved placement, proper breathing, and prevention of common injuries.

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