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# MODERN DANCE

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# **HISTORY**





Modern dance wa's an early 20th century dance form that emerged as expression of \*rebellion against classical ballet.

Modern - is the vanguard of a ballet dance, which makes risky experiments on classical dance.

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# **HISTORY**



Most modern styles of dance have been formed under influence of modern philosophy and set out clearly defined vision of the world. The main form of modern dance is built on the relationship between dance and state of \*internal world.

\*внутрішній



## **THE FOUNDERS**





Martha Graham

**Doris Humphrey** 

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#### **Agnes De Mille**

**Jose Limon** 

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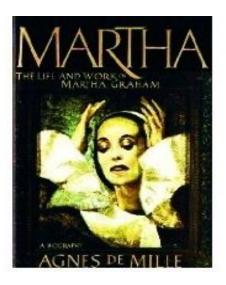


**Paul Taylor** 

Merce Cunningham

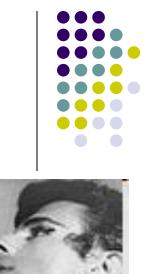






#### Martha Graham

May 11, 1894 Born: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S. Died: April 1, 1991 (aged 96) New York City, U.S. Nationality: American Field: Dance and choreography Movement:Modern dance Awards: Kennedy Center Honors (1979) Presidential Medal of Freedom (1976) National Medal of Arts (1985)









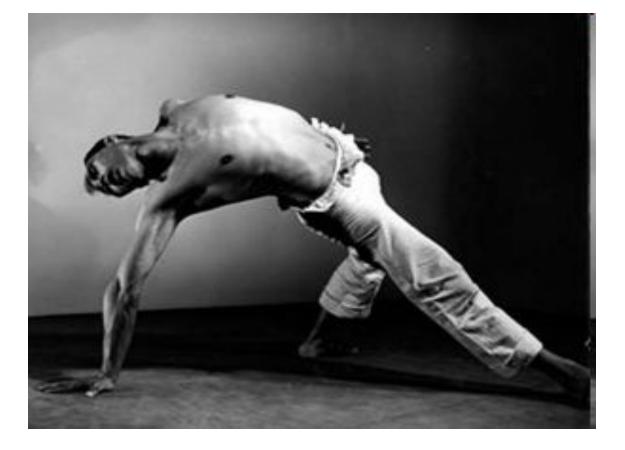
#### Doris Batcheller Humphrey

Doris Batcheller Humphrey (October 17, 1895 – December 29, 1958) was a dancer and choreographer of the early twentieth century. Along with her contemporaries Martha Graham and Katherine Dunham Humphrey was one of the second generation modern dance pioneers who followed their forerunners – including Isadora Duncan, Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn – in exploring the use of breath and developing techniques still taught today. As many of her works annotated by Humphrey continue to be taught, studied and performed up to this day.

#### José Arcadio Limón

(January 12, 1908 – December 2, 1972) was a pioneer in the field of modern dance and choreography. In 1928, at age 20, he moved to New York City where he studied under Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman. In 1946, Limón founded the José Limón Dance Company. His most famous work is called The Moor's Pavane (1949), based on Shakespeare's Othello.





#### Agnes de Mille

Born: September 18, 1905 New York City, New York, USA Died: October 7, 1993 (aged 88) New York City, New York, USA Occupation: Choreographer, dancer Years active: 1910s-1990s











#### Paul Taylor

(born July 29, 1930, Wilkinsburg, Pa., U.S.) is a U.S. modern dancer, choreographer, and director. In 1953 he joined Martha Graham's company, where he was a leading soloist until 1960. In 1957 he established the Paul Taylor Dance Company. As a choreographer he employed a wide variety of movement styles. His works include Duet (1957), Aureole (1962), Orbs (1966), and Nightshade (1979). In 1993 he formed Taylor 2, a small group of dancers who perform in smaller venues and teach the Taylor style.

# About Merce

#### Merce Cunningham

Born: Mercier Philip Cunningham April 16, 1919 Centralia, Washington Died: July 26, 2009 (aged 90) New York City Occupation: Dancer, choreographer Years active: 1938–2009 Partner: John Cage[1]





## FEATURES OF DANCE



In modern the key role is played by the dancers who embody an idea in a dance. And that idea is reflected by the whole dance, choreography, its form, rhythm, plastic and mood.

Actor-dancers demonstrate the main ideas of dance, their state of mind and mood through the movements .



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