2019 Spotlight Non-Classical Dance Semifinal Panel

**Shauna Goddard-Barger** is a former dancer with Hubbard Street Dance and was a principal dancer for “Fame” on the Rai Italian network in addition to touring with James Brown. After moving to Monte Carlo, she founded her own studio, Danse Plus, and company, Moving Parts, while producing for the Princess Grace Theatre, Grimaldi Forum, Services des Fêtes and Academie de Musique de Monaco. Ms. Goddard-Barger continues to teach and choreograph for regional companies. She is currently a co-founder and partner with ArtistsPlus Productions. She was a Presidential Scholar in the Arts.

**Jerry Evans** has worked as a dancer, choreographer and director for over 35 years. With more than 20 feature films, 15 music videos, and 50 commercials to his choreography credentials, he is constantly in demand as a choreographer in film, television, commercials, music videos and live stage shows. Mr. Evans has been honored with numerous, major industry and peer awards for his choreography including an American Choreographers Award, Music Video Producers Award and the National Academy of Dance Award. He is also the founder of JLE Media Group Inc. which specializes in hi-definition video production from conception to post-production for dance.

**Neisha Folkes** is a former Principal Dancer with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Ms. Folkes graduated from The Juilliard School and went on to perform in numerous Broadway shows before joining Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. She has choreographed for many TV, films and commercials, including Gap Swing, Coke, Ralph Lauren, Swing Kids, Glitter, Malcolm X and many more. She owns and directs her own musical theatre company for students called Triple Talent.

**Dee Kaye Klega** has performed extensively throughout the U.S., Asia, and Europe in television, movies, commercials and stage. Her television credits include *The Academy Awards* and *The Tonight Show* among many others. Ms. Kaye is the Co-Founder of Teatro Electrio, a modern/jazz dance company based in Milano, Italy, as well as the former Lead Dancer on Canali 5 and The Rai for Italian Television. Ms. Kaye has been a Spotlight judge for the past 16 years.

**Mike Weir** is a former professional dancer and singer whose extensive credits on stage include starring roles on Broadway in *Blackstone!* and *A Chorus Line*. National Tours include *Evita* and *A Chorus Line*. He was a Principal Dancer with the Omaha Ballet and modern dance companies – Manning Freed Dance Theater and Space, Energy, Time Dance Company. Mr. Weir has an extensive background as a dancer/singer/actor and writer in film, television and commercials as well. Mr. Weir has been a Spotlight judge for the past 16 years.