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Dance Camera West Announces Artistic Director Lynette Kessler Will Step Down in 2012

Los Angeles, CA – Dance Camera West (DCW), announces that Founder and Artistic Director Lynette Kessler will step down in January 2012 after leading the organization through its first decade.

As a leader in the growth of dance media, Ms. Kessler brought her boundless energy and entrepreneurial flair to the creation of one of the world's foremost dance film festivals. During her ten years at the helm DCW, she brought work from around the world to The Getty Center, Hammer Museum, Roy and Edna Disney Cal Arts Theater. "The time has come for me to take on a new challenge and to turn Dance Camera West over to a new generation of leadership. Looking back on the past ten years I would like to thank the thousands of choreographers and directors from over 53 countries that have contributed to our success." said Ms. Kessler.

"Lynette, through Dance Camera West, has played a critical role in keeping those of us in Los Angeles attached to the larger world of dance as well as expanding our view of how dance can live in a media rich environment. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude," said Steven Lavine, President, California Institute of the Arts.

DCW's newly appointed Executive Director, Tonia Barber stated, "The Board of DCW honors and celebrates Lynette's leadership, we respect and support her request to make this transition." Ms. Kessler will continue to work with the organization as an advisor on periodic projects. "I am thrilled with Tonia Barber as new Executive Director as she is perfectly situated to lead Dance Camera West to even greater achievement," said Ms. Kessler.