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Announcement of the Lilian Karina Research Grant in Dance and Politics

The Lilian Karina Foundation was formed as a research foundation to further the knowledge about the art of dance and how it was influenced by the political landslide of the 20th century – from the Russian revolution, further to Nazism and the influence of Indian, Asian, African and Afro American dance styles on European dance. In an appendix to her will, Lilian Karina formulated the purpose and regulations of the foundation.

The amount of the grant is 70.000 SEK

Last day of application is April 30 2012.

The scholarship is delivered at a special official arrangement in Stockholm, on the birthday of the donor, November 17th 2012.

Lilian Karina (1907-2007) was born in Russia, and pursued a career as a dancer in Europe between the two world wars. She came to Sweden in the 1940s, where she established her well-known ballet school and also wrote ballet critique in the daily press. In Sweden, she took part in establishing the first higher education institution for dance, Koreografiska Institutet (now Danshögskolan) and for many years she was one of its Senior Teachers. She wrote several books and devoted her later years to dance research. One of her books has attracted international attention – *Tanz unterm Hakenkreuz* (1996), written in collaboration with the dance researcher Marion Kant, born in Germany. The book was later translated into English, *Hitler's Dancers* (2003). This research is an example of her private and professional strong engagement in the relation of dance to politics and society, and therefore it has also affected the aim of the foundation. The autobiography *Mitt liv i rörelse* (2006), (My life in movement), became her last work.

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