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Bessie Awards Nominees Are Announced

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The dance world's version of the Academy Awards ceremony, the granting of the annual Bessie Awards, will be on Oct. 15 at the Apollo Theater, the organizers said on Tuesday. Formally known as the New York Dance and Performance Awards, the prizes are named for the influential teacher Bessie Schonberg. The awards committee gave a preview, announcing that **Souleymane Badolo**, whose work draws on West African traditions, had won the Juried Award. The organizers also announced the nominees in a dozen categories. The finalists for outstanding production for a work performed in a theater of 400 or more seats were "Event" by Merce Cunningham, performed by the company under his name at the Park Avenue Armory; "Preludes and Fugues" by **Emanuel Gat**, performed by Ballet du Grand Théâtre de Genève at the Joyce Theater; and "Samhara," performed by the Nrityagram Dance Ensemble, above, at the Joyce. The nominees for outstanding emerging choreographer include **Jennifer Weber** and her Decadancetheatre colleagues for "DECA" at Joyce SoHo, **Liz Santoro** for "We Do Our Best" at Danspace Project, **Lee Sher** and **Saar Harari** for "Fame" performed at Montclair State University and **Rashaun Mitchell** for "Nox" at Danspace Project.