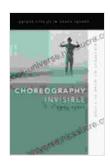
# The Disappearing Work of Dance: Oxford Studies in Dance Theory

Dance is a powerful form of expression that can communicate emotions, tell stories, and connect people. It is a universal language that has been practiced for centuries in every culture around the world. Dance can be used for entertainment, ritual, and education. It can be a way to express oneself, to connect with others, and to learn about different cultures.



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But what happens when dance is no longer seen as a valuable form of art? In recent years, there has been a decline in funding for dance education and performance, and many dancers are struggling to make a living. This has led to a decrease in the visibility of dance in our culture, and a corresponding loss of understanding of its importance.

There are a number of reasons for the disappearing work of dance. One reason is the increasing emphasis on STEM education in schools. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. These subjects are seen as essential for success in the 21st century economy, and they are often prioritized over arts education. As a result, many students are not exposed to dance in school, and they do not develop an appreciation for it.

Another reason for the decline in dance is the rise of digital media. People are spending more and more time on their computers, smartphones, and tablets. This has led to a decrease in the amount of time that people spend watching live dance performances. As a result, dancers are finding it more difficult to reach audiences and make a living.

The disappearing work of dance is a serious problem. Dance is a vital art form that has a number of benefits for individuals and society as a whole. Dance can improve physical and mental health, it can promote creativity and self-expression, and it can help people to connect with others. It is essential that we find ways to preserve and support dance, so that it can continue to be a source of joy and inspiration for generations to come.

#### What can be done to preserve and support dance?

There are a number of things that can be done to preserve and support dance. One important step is to increase funding for dance education and performance. This can be done through government grants, private donations, and corporate sponsorships. Another important step is to raise awareness of the importance of dance. This can be done through public relations campaigns, media coverage, and educational programs.

It is also important to create more opportunities for people to experience dance. This can be done by increasing the number of dance performances that are available, and by making dance more accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds. Finally, it is important to support dancers themselves. This can be done by providing them with resources, training, and opportunities to perform.

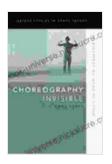
By taking these steps, we can help to ensure that dance continues to be a vital part of our culture. Dance is a powerful force for good, and it deserves our support.

Dance is a beautiful and powerful art form that has the ability to change lives. It is a way to express oneself, to connect with others, and to learn about different cultures. Unfortunately, dance is facing a number of challenges in today's world. Funding for dance education and performance is declining, and the increasing emphasis on STEM education is leading to a decrease in the number of students who are exposed to dance. As a result, dance is becoming less visible in our culture, and its importance is being forgotten.

It is essential that we find ways to preserve and support dance. We need to increase funding for dance education and performance, and we need to raise awareness of the importance of dance. We also need to create more opportunities for people to experience dance, and we need to support dancers themselves. By taking these steps, we can help to ensure that dance continues to be a vital part of our culture for generations to come.

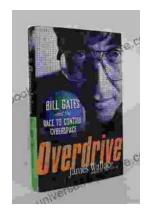
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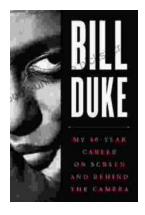
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