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Group Improvisational Dance Performance

three or more performers collaborating spontaneously to create a dance
Improvisational Skills

- multi-focal awareness
- physical/mental adaptability
- ability to make and recognize compositional choices
Lincoln Center, New York City
New York Public Library for the Performing Arts
## Compositional Analysis

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Ensemble Thinking in Action

Purdue students improvising as a group during performance
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