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# Martha Graham Wins Praise In Carnegie Dance Recital

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The season of dance programs—and the list is rich in novelties—was opened last evening by Martha Graham in Carnegie Hall. Miss Graham, one of the most inventive and original of her guild, presented her latest creation, "American Document," containing a departure from the usual terpsichorean program for in it was incorporated spoken lines intending to describe typical details of American life.

The five "chapters" were labeled "Declaration," "Lament for the Land," "Puritan," "Emancipation" and "1938," each section intended as a reflection of historical importance and development.

Miss Graham possesses rare interpretative command and the ability to communicate her purpose and aims with graphic eloquence.

The commentator was Housely Stevens, Jr. The event was a benefit for the New Masses Magazine.

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