



The Dance Centre

CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

We are recruiting passionate, community-engaged individuals keen to apply their skills and connections to help us support Vancouver's and BC's vibrant and diverse dance sector.

WHO WE ARE

The Dance Centre is the leading resource centre for dance in British Columbia, supporting the development of the art of dance through a range of activities that is unparalleled in Canada.

We do so by:

- Supporting dance artists at all career stages through specialized programs contributing to sustainable careers and professional development, awards, networking and promotion. We have helped launch the careers of many promising artists!
- Connecting dance to audiences by presenting performances and events, engaging diverse communities (from K-12, youth, seniors) through outreach initiatives, and building partnerships across sectors (education, health, social services).
- Operating our building Scotiabank Dance Centre - BC's unique home for dance and a thriving creative hub for the community, located in downtown Vancouver.
- Promoting BC dance through networking with local, national and international dance professionals, culminating in the biennial Dance In Vancouver event which draws presenters from around the world.

The Dance Centre is a vibrant contributor to Vancouver's and BC's dynamic arts and culture sector. We nurture audiences for all sorts of dance, focusing specifically on contemporary expressions and expanding curiosity for evolving forms.

Our work takes place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the x^wməθk^wəy^əm (Musqueam), S^kw^xwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, who have been custodians of this land since time immemorial, and we cherish our partnerships with them.

OUR MISSION AND VALUES

The Dance Centre's mission is to sustain an internationally-acclaimed centre for dance, supporting the development of dance in BC.

We believe that we can grow the art of dance, enrich peoples' lives, and contribute to civic and global dialogues. We believe in the transformational power of dance.

We value:

- Taking artistic risks while being fiscally responsible.

- The diversity of the communities we engage with: this is reflected in our volunteer leadership, with the aim to strategically advance the role dance artists play in society.
- Equity and accountability across all aspects of our organization.
- Our regional community, as we support local talent and engage with international artists and peers.
- Professional and transparent management.

JOIN US

The Dance Centre board is recruiting volunteer directors, seeking individuals who share a common interest in the arts and specifically wish to support the development of the art of dance. Our Board aims to be inclusive and equity-seeking, working collaboratively with community representatives and our staff in asserting the value and impact of art in our society.

Join us: help shape our next chapter and usher in our creative future!

We are seeking individuals with these experiences, connections, knowledge or skills:

- Community building.
- Diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Fiduciary oversight and financial management (CPA, accountant or banking experience).
- Fundraising and corporate sponsorship.
- Marketing and audience development.
- Real estate and property development/management.
- Legal practice (not-for-profits, real estate, HR).
- Strategic planning.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

The Dance Centre Board is primarily a governing and fundraising board. Members also participate as committee chairs or members, event helpers, financial advisors and more. The board's overall focus is on guiding the organization to realize its full potential, and opportunities for service and fulfillment of its mission and vision.

Board members are required to:

- Accept fiduciary responsibility for the organization.
- Ensure the organization is in accordance with legal and ethical practices.
- Assist in the development of and approve the annual budget.
- Read and understand financial statements.
- Oversee the Executive Director.
- Engage with fellow board members and staff in a spirit of learning and respect.
- Represent the interests of the organization as a whole, rather than individual interests.
- Follow trends in the organizational field of work.
- Be an ambassador and a bridge into new communities.
- Challenge the organization to live its values to the fullest.

Board members are also expected to:

- Attend monthly meetings (approx. 1.5 hours each), either in person or virtual. Meetings are usually the 3rd or 4th Monday of the month at 5.30pm.
- Attend Dance Centre presentations and events at least 2- 3 times per year.
- Support the organization with a yearly financial contribution via membership dues (currently \$75) plus additional individual donations, and/or through peer-to-peer fundraising, cause-specific campaigns, selling tickets to performances or special events, or other means.
- Chair or participate in the work of at least one committee or working group. These typically meet for approximately an hour each month, and report to the Board on results.
- Assist with identifying potential new board members, and recruiting new supporters.
- Assist in and attend fundraising (and friend-raising) activities.
- Champion The Dance Centre's mission through an active role as ambassadors.

TERMS OF SERVICE

- Board service begins in January by election at the Annual General Meeting. Board members can also be appointed late summer/early fall, and formally voted in at the following AGM.
- Board members are elected to a term of 2 years, and may be renewed for a subsequent 2-year term. Terms are limited to 2 and in exceptional circumstance to 3.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION

Interested? Please email executivedirector@thedancecentre.ca with 'Board of Directors application' in the subject line, with:

- A short statement of interest including your knowledge of The Dance Centre; why you are interested in serving; what skills you can bring to the position; and any previous Board of Directors experience.
- A short bio, resume, or vitae.

We will reply to all received statements of interest and email you additional useful information to help you make an informed decision. If shortlisted, a zoom chat/meeting will be set up with current board members for a useful exchange of information and an opportunity to ask and answer questions.

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