DANCE IS THE HIDDEN LANGUAGE OF THE SOUL

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Dear Vermont Dance Community,

Completing my first year as VDA’s Executive Director was a fun adventure. While we were optimistic that we were emerging from the pandemic, it continues to be a major influence in how we conduct our lives. With the help of our dedicated and talented Board of Directors, plus our tireless committees, VDA was able to navigate the turbulent waters that were all still swimming.

We are so proud of what we accomplished with Vermont Arts Council’s support this year, as well as the support of all our sponsors and donors. Being a small arts non-profit, we rely on the generosity and confidence of our community. Thumb through our annual report to see some of our event highlights!

As we look towards the future, we are hoping to put more of our focus back on our member artists. We aim to support, uplift, and promote the good work our members are doing in their communities. With fiscal sponsorships, our own promotional tools, and our VDA presence at their classes and events, we hope to shine a light directly on all the fantastic work happening right here in our green mountains.

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WHO WE ARE

We are a passionate community of dance lovers who believe that dance is a transformational art form.

The Vermont Dance Alliance is a foundation for Vermont dancers and a public platform for dance in Vermont. The Alliance cultivates deeper relationships between its members, and helps to foster a thriving artistic community throughout the state.
OUR MISSION AND VISION

VISION
Expand visibility + accessibility of dance to every person in Vermont to bolster the creative economy of the state.

MISSION
- Provide a network of resources for dance artists
- Curate educational opportunities + experiences for movers + audiences
- Deepen connections + increase the value of VDA in our community
- Develop robust partnerships with organizations with aligned visions
- Reach new audiences by funding artists + collaborations
- Strengthen + grow membership

LONG TERM GOALS
2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Event Partners
ORCA
Media Factory
NEFA
The Junction Dance Festival
Onion River Campground
Vermont Arts Council
Main Street Landing

Events
Falling Open Festival
Dance & Technology Mini Courses
NACHMO Showcase
Dance on Film Festival
Traces
Come Dance With Us!

2020-2021 PARTNERS
Ballet Vermont
Solutions in Motion
Lines VT
Black Hollow
The Sable Project
The Passing Project
South End Studios
The Everything Space
White River Ballet Academy
Middlebury College Dance Program
Offgrid Media Lab
Paul Bronisław Kmiec
SoBo Studios
UVM Dance Program
Community Engagement Lab
All Wellness VT
The Junction Dance Festival
Spotlight VT
Open Door Integrative Wellness
Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College
Catamount Arts
Smart Artist Vermont

Thank you!
Our summer event: **Come Dance With Us!**
Engaged an audience of all ages. VDA member artists led the attendees around the Onion River Campground, performing in different locations and welcoming audience participation. *Jeh Kulu Dance and Drum Theater* drew the audience back to the tent. After their performance everyone was invited to join in a African Dance masterclass. Every participant left sweaty and smiling. A perfect July evening!
This year, Traces was presented in Rutland and Montpelier. Engaging a total of 20 performers (ages 9-45) and 70 audience members.
DANCE AND TECHNOLOGY MINI-COURSES
FUNDED BY VERMONT ARTS COUNCIL’S DIGITAL CAPACITY GRANT
With the funding from the Vermont Arts Council, VDA was able to host a series of Mini Courses focusing on dance and technology, specifically the skill of video editing. This is becoming an increasingly necessary skill in the arts today and the future as we maintain and expand hybrid offerings that enhance accessibility.

All the classes and workshops were held for free, and VDA was able to pay world class teachers with the funds from the Arts Council. We also used the grant to fund the live closed captioning which is necessary for our continued goal of becoming more and more accessible to all.

To end this series, we hosted two performance events. The first allowed any participant to submit a video of their work, with the hopes that they attended the preceding workshops we held. The other was a judged film festival that featured professional film works of dance by Vermont artists.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JOY MADDEN
President

SARAH BRIGGS
Treasurer

KRISTIN CAMPBELL
Vice President

NICOLE ULLMAN
Secretary
FISCAL SUMMARY

Income

- Donations: 5,705.18
- Membership: 9,154.59
- Grants: 23,225.00
- Events: 1,242.15

Expenses

- Artist Payout: (14,752.00)
- General Expenses: (4,000.00)
- Staff: (20,044.40)
- Events: (1,708.89)
Help us reach our goals

Local Business/Organizations
- Sponsor our season
- Sponsor a specific VDA event (check out our yearly calendar)

Audience + Art Supporters
- Come to our events
- Like, follow, + share our posts
- Make a donation today

Dancers + Dance Makers
- Join VDA!

MEMBER BENEFITS
- Find a network of artists + resources
- Get access to discounts to shows + classes
- Promote your work on our website + social media
- Take advantage of our fiscal sponsorship program

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