

# INTERESTED IN SERVING ON OUR BOARD?

Velocity is looking for **NEW** board members! To support our current operations and long-term strategy, we are particularly looking for board members with expertise in: anti-racist work practices; board governance and non-profit operations; financial management; strategic planning; and, fundraising.

# **ABOUT US**

Velocity is Seattle's premier art center dedicated to contemporary dance and performance. We advance contemporary dance and movement-based art by fostering the creative explorations of artists and audiences through an invested commitment to education, creation, performance, inquiry, community participation, and inter/national exchange. Velocity was founded by K.T. Niehoff and Michele Miller in 1996; it was housed in the OddFellows Building in Capitol Hill until 2010, when it moved to its current location on 1621 12th Avenue.

Our vision is to be a national leader as an artist-driven, community-centered dance incubator where Velocity's partnerships of education, artist support, advocacy and performance foster dance literacy and the artistic vitality of our community. Velocity envisions a city where contemporary dance is a regular part of civic and cultural dialogue, and a nation where dance artists are valued for their singular contribution to culture and society.

Velocity has supported and promoted the work of many of Seattle's leading movement artists, choreographers, dancers, and teachers including: Fox Whitney, Neve Mazique-Bianco, Jody Kuehner (Cherdonna Shinatra) Kate Wallich, Kim Lusk, Mark Haim, zoe | juniper, Amy O'Neal, Maya Soto, Jaret Hughes, Beth Terwileger, JuJu Flores, and Wade Madsen.

Velocity is an active member of Seattle's Capitol Hill Arts District and a recipient of the 2010 Seattle Mayor's Arts Award.

#### **PROGRAMS**

Training + Education: classes, masterclasses, workshops

Creative Residencies: Artist-in-Residence, Creative Residencies,

Bridge Project, Made in Seattle, NextFest

**Guest Artist Series** 

Virtual Programming: Live Conversations, #SCORENTINE, Screenings,

SH\*T GOLD

Summer Festivals:

Strictly Seattle, and Seattle Festival of Dance Improvisation



# **BOARD SERVICE AT VELOCITY**

Board members commit to making Velocity Dance Center one of their top volunteer commitments, so that you, board members, and staff realize the benefits of your skills, experience, talents and passion. In addition, board members are expected to:

- Serve a three-year term.
- Attend at least seven of the eleven board meetings each year.
- Attend the annual spring fundraiser and at least three program events involving Velocity staff, artists, faculty, volunteers, funders, or other community stakeholders.
- Advance our mission of by promoting our programs and volunteer opportunities, and articulating our critical role in the Seattle dance community.
- Make a meaningful annual financial contribution and actively support Velocity's fundraising efforts.
- Gain an understanding of the organization that enables you to contribute your unique set of skills, and passions toward its continuing success, including donor stewardship.
- Be responsive to other board members and staff, making careful use of the organization's resources.

# **OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

We want our board members to feel valued and recognized for their commitment to Velocity Dance Center and those we serve.

Our commitment to you includes: ensuring that meetings and events are wellorganized and make effective use of your time and expertise; providing timely and helpful responses to your information requests and concerns; clearly communicating our opportunities, challenges, and successes; and, introducing you to the vibrant dance community which we are honored to serve.

# **BOARD MEMBERS**

Elizabeth Bello, Campaign Project Manager, Seattle Children's Cameron Irwin, Architect, LMN Architects
Noé Khalfa, Founder, Worth the Journey
Sylvia Okafor, Program Manager, Microsoft
David Randin, Acoustical Engineer, Stantec

# **KEY FUNDERS**

4Culture
ArtsFund
ArtsWA
National Endowment for the Arts
The Glenn H. Kawasaki Foundation
New England Foundation for the Arts
Pride Foundation
The Pruzan Foundation
Seattle Office of Arts and Culture
Seattle Neighborhoods
WESTAF
The Young Foundation

## **NONPROFIT PARTNERS**

BlanketFort Films
Cornish College of the Arts
Fremont Abbey Arts
Henry Art Gallery
On the Boards
Nortwest Film Forum
Pacific Northwest Ballet
Path with Art
Seattle Theatre Group
Seattle University
Three Dollar Bill Cinema
University of Washington Dance Program

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