

VELOCITY SUMMER FESTIVALS

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SUMMER PROGRAMMING INTERNSHIP

Velocity Dance Center is looking for Summer Programming Interns! Internships can begin as early as May 21 and run as late as August 31.

Apply by [midnight, Friday, April 19, 2019](#) for priority consideration.

About the Internship: Velocity Dance Center Summer Programming Interns will assist staff with the development, implementation and evaluation of our Summer Festivals, which includes Strictly Seattle + Seattle Festival of Dance Improvisation (SFDI). Position duties will be developed with each intern to fulfill Velocity's needs while also aligning with each person's expertise, skills and goals. Interns will work closely with the Interim Artistic Director, the Communications Manager, and the Office + Operations Manager.

This internship is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to learn about how to run a successful national festival or educational program of up to 300 attendees. It's especially great for those looking to participate in our Summer Festivals for free. You'll get to work closely with both lead programming and communications staff at Velocity to make sure that our Summer Festivals go smoothly. The Summer Internship is a great chance to learn about how to plan and program a large summer festival, build and implement a strategic marketing and communications plan in the arts, and how to promote artistic events in a thriving metropolis.

Compensation & Hours: This internship is unpaid. Interns will be expected to work **15-20 hours a week**. The Summer Programming Interns will receive **full participation in Strictly Seattle and SFDI**. In addition, during the months prior to the summer festivals, the Interns can join Velocity's ongoing dance classes for the discounted rate of \$5.00 and rent Velocity's studio space at a discounted rate of \$7.00/ hr. Finally, interns will also receive exclusive access to Velocity performances and events during the internship appointment.

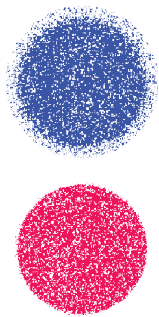
About You: You're passionate about and/or want to learn more about contemporary performance. You believe in the arts as a catalyst for change. You love building and maintaining relationships with people from all walks of life and bringing them together. You love throwing a great party, and get satisfaction from managing the details with checklists and timelines. You're comfortable keeping track of multiple timelines and tasks, while offering amiable assistance to the people you work with. You thrive in collaborative environments. You're socially adept both in-person and online—you post, share, listen, comment, spark conversations, and are excited by the chance to generate new, cool content about arts & culture events in your community. You enjoy celebrating others, and giving artists of all skill levels a platform to grow and thrive. You're interested in programming your own dance/art festival one day, or promoting your own work, and want to begin to learn how to establish the connections and plans you need to be a successful arts-maker and producer.

About Velocity: Velocity Dance Center is Seattle's premier art center dedicated to contemporary dance and performance. Velocity advances 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. Our Summer Festivals are our biggest events of the year, and bring dance artists from all over the country to Seattle for four immersive weeks of creativity, growth, and inspiration.

About the Summer Festivals: Velocity is the home of two world-class summer festivals: [Strictly Seattle](#) and the [Seattle Festival of Dance Improvisation \(SFDI\)](#).

Strictly Seattle: Four adult programs inspire beginning through professional level dancers with rigorous physical and compositional training in a challenging and invigorating environment. Strictly Seattle is a supportive community of open experimentation and camaraderie where dancers form alliances for future collaborations.

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SFDI: This world-renowned festival provides the perfect opportunity to learn and share experiences with some of the most highly regarded artists working in the field of dance today. SFDI is a week of intensives, classes, jams, somatic labs, site-specific workshops, performances and discussions that foster focused on fostering the study and practice of dance improvisation.

Each internship is adapted to the skills of the individual, but intern duties and responsibilities usually include at least a few of the following:

- Help organize Festival special events, outreach events, communications
- Help coordinate festival housing for participants and faculty
- Liaise with Velocity staff and summer faculty and participants to ensure a smooth festival experience
- Communications duties, including registration, welcome packets, social media, website updates, promotional materials, and other participant information
- Archive press articles, hard copy and online
- Take in and organize participant feedback

How to apply:

Please submit the following via email by **midnight Friday April 19, 2019** to Erin Johnson, Interim Artistic Director, at erinjohnson@velocitydancecenter.org:

1. One Page Resume as a PDF or Word Document.
2. Cover Letter in the body of the email addressing the following:
 - a. Why you are interested in the Velocity Summer Programming Internship?
 - b. What are your goals and expectations for the Internship (both administratively and artistically)?
 - c. What skills would you bring you believe would be an asset to our organization?
 - d. What date you would be able to start in Seattle, and what date you would need to leave Seattle?
3. Include any supporting materials you believe to be relevant to your application (10 pages / 10 images / 2 video links max).

VELOCITY fosters a creative and professional environment that reflects the diversity of Seattle. We are actively recruiting a wide pool of applicants representing dimensions of difference that include - but are not limited to - age, national origin, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender.

Questions? Call (206) 325.8773 or email erinjohnson@velocitydancecenter.org.

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