



MOUTH WATER

Disabled Arts Festival

Sponsorship + Donation Proposal

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About Us

Mouthwater as a name is inspired by absurd Canadian film, *The Peanut Butter Solution*; the disabled embrace of unruly orifices, spit and mouths and a shout to the sensual as artists firmly rooted in the intensity of having a body. Saira Barbaric and NEVE created Mouthwater in 2019 for their collaborations in dance and mixed media art.



Saira Barbaric to the left blowing smoke. NEVE to the right with pink hair and face tattoos. Photo by Tony Ricardi, 2020.

Mouthwater mountain-lips designed by Dev Rogers

About Mouthwater Festival

Launching September 2024, Mouthwater Festival is a multi-disciplinary, multi-venue disabled arts event happening across Seattle. Led by a team of locally and nationally renowned artists - Saira Barbaric, NEVE, Vanessa Hernandez Cruz, Kayla Hamilton, Pucks A'Plenty and India Harville - Mouthwater Festival will start with a weeklong artist incubator followed by two weeks of free and ticketed events featuring performance art, disabled dance, cabarets and parties. -

Mouthwater is supported by a grant from the Mellon Foundation, fiscally sponsored by Velocity Dance Center 501(c)3, and championed by Seattle's newly formed Cultural Space Agency. Performances will happen in partnership with Theater Puget Sound, BASE Art Space, 12th Avenue Arts, the Sunday Night Shuga Shaq, and more.



NEVE (lower right), Vanessa Hernandez Cruz, (middle left) and Saira Barbaric (upper right) are grouped together in a floral hall in beach wear. Photo by Maya Umemoto, 2023.

More About the Festival

September 23, 2024 - October 13, 2024

At our grandest scale, 27 events will delight all around Seattle. From dinners to parties, cabaret to dance theater, over 15 disabled artists from around the continent will teach and showcase our dance and movement arts.

This first Mouthwater Festival can strengthen the disabled dance community through the sharing of space and practices.



India Harvile (left) sits backward on her wheelchair in a fuschia dress with locs, a smile and pointed toe. Kayla Hamilton (center) leaps in a black and white image where her white sneakers are clean off the ground, her locs fly in the air and her palms face the camera. With long black hair, Mx. Pucks A'Plenty (right) crawls across a satin-y bed in red lingerie.

Fundraising Goals

We aim to raise a minimum of \$90,000 to build the most accessible and enjoyable experience for us, the disabled creators, our support teams and our audiences.

We are accepting monetary sponsorships and in-kind investments, which can be airfare miles, meals/catering, hotel points and more!



Graphics by
Vanessa Hernandez Cruz

Dates to Remember

June 1, 2024
Fundraiser Gala



September 23-30, 2024
Mouthwater Incubator

October 1-13, 2024
Mouthwater Performances

Saira Barbaric in a teal to dark blue tie-dye set lounges to the left. NEVE in a white and glittery neon set lays in the center. Vanessa Hernandez Cruz reclines to the right in baby blue shorts, royal blue mesh and a silver crop top. Photo by Maya Umemoto, 2023.



Be a Big Help! Donate

\$10,000 Benefactor

- Logo or name recognition on Velocity's webpage
- Logo, flyer or name recognition at in-person event
- Name recognition from an in-person emcee
- Included in individual "Thank You" posts on Mouthwater Social Media
- A set of 5 tickets to the June 1st Gala
- 1 exclusive dance experience for your company: either one 5-minute performance at an event or a 40-minute workshop for up to 20 employees
- A set of 10 tickets to any event in the Mouthwater Festival schedule



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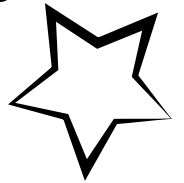


\$5000 Patron



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\$2500 Backer



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Sponsorship Levels



\$1000 Supporter

- Logo, flyer or name recognition on at in-person event
- Listing in group "Thank You" posts on Social Media
- "Mouthwater Donor" merchandise

\$500 Helper

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