

DANCE ONTARIO



Message From Samara Thompson, Chair

Dance Ontario has a unique and indispensable role in the Ontario dance community. We serve dance professionals, students, studios, companies, scholars, enthusiasts, and many other dance-related professions and activities.

During the 2015/2016 year, which was my first as the Chair of the Board of Directors, I was filled with pride to see the accomplishments of Dance Ontario and honoured to be a part of it. Through the dedication and acumen of Rosslyn Jacob Edwards, our Executive Director, and her staff, Amy Hampton and Julie McLachlan, Dance Ontario flourished and broadened its offerings to our members. It is with gratitude that I look upon our Board of Directors, who freely gave of their time and passion to support Dance Ontario's endeavours, furthering the success of our organization.

This summer, sadly, we lost our founding Chair and long-serving Board member, Jacque Foesier. He is fondly remembered for his guidance of and commitment to Dance Ontario and is missed. The *Youth Dance Award* is named in his honour.

We look ahead to our 32nd year as we continue to provide rich and valuable services to our members. As always, we strive to refine and enhance our offerings to our members and as such we are excited to be in the early planning stages of creating more performance opportunities. Over the next two years, with thanks to a generous Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, we are creating three new regional networks, bringing our total to six, ensuring our reach extends to the far corners of our vast province.

We thank you for being a member of Dance Ontario. We look forward to supporting and working with you in dance in 2016/17.

REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

April 2015—March 2016

Dance Ontario Association was founded in 1976 and incorporated not-for-profit (1985) We are a dynamic cross section of Ontario's dance sector from internationally renowned companies to individual dance artists.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015-16

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Jade Jager Clarke (Chair)
Una Wabinski
Makeda Benitez
Madison Gray

Images (front): Samara Thompson,
Tutus (Pinterest)

(back) Yvonne Ng by Edwin Luk

From Rosslyn Jacob Edwards, Executive Director



In 2015-16 Dance Ontario delivered core services, wrapped up our very successful *Connecting The Dots* project and applied for new funding for regional initiatives.

It was busy and productive with deepening partnerships with other service organizations such as DTRC, DUO, CADA ON, Equity, The Dance Current, The Actors' Fund, CDA for On The Move Conference, and with PASO (Provincial Arts Service Organizations) for lobbying and advocacy initiatives.

Three regional dance networks - **Halton (HDN)**, **Dufferin (DDN)** and **London (LDN)** continued to flourish and we have been successful in raising funds from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to establish three additional regional networks over the next two years. Activities in Windsor, the Sault and

Sudbury will culminate with a gathering of all six networks to share experiences and build stability for their local dance communities while establishing hubs of support for touring artists.

DanceWeekend'16 delighted patrons with stunning programs from member companies highlighting the incredible diversity of dance forms and member artists inspired by cultures from across the globe. The Department of Canadian Heritage increased funding for the event and, courtesy of our partners Harbourfront Centre, the commissions were registered for Dora Mavor Moore Awards for the first time and allocated three performance spots. The *Jacque Foesier Youth Dance Award* also took place on stage during the weekend

Dance Ontario welcomed new members attracted by our services including website updates, publication of e-bulletins, 'headlines' and *The Directory*, in addition to provision of SOCAN fees at affordable rates. The Board of Directors continued to bring an extraordinary diversity of expertise to our meetings as they monitored activities, provided governance and worked with staff to bring forward and identify new needs and issues within the various sub sectors.

2016/17 promises to be both exciting and challenging. We will see the commencement of Dance Ontario's new regional initiatives and welcome a Network Coordinator to our ranks as well as Regional Coordinators in Windsor, the Sault and Sudbury. New digital projects will be introduced focusing on mixed ability access issues and online networking opportunities for specific membership groups. Both were suggested by members and, as always, your input is valued and welcomed.

AT A GLANCE

26 new
members

\$15,015
raised in
sponsorships for
DanceWeekend and
the Directory

367 dancers
on our stages

3 new
regional
networks
funded bringing
total to **6**

Report from Debbie Kapp, Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET at March 31, 2016

Assets	2015	2014
Current Assets:		
Bank	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 20,120	\$ 21,690
HST Receivable	\$ 4,225	\$ 3,819
Prepaid Expenses & Other current assets	<u>\$ 8,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,600</u>
	<u>\$ 32,345</u>	<u>\$ 28,109</u>
Capital Assets	<u>\$ 99</u>	<u>\$ 139</u>
	<u>\$ 32,444</u>	<u>\$ 28,248</u>
Liabilities & Surplus		
Current Liabilities:		
Bank indebtedness	\$ 14,575	\$ 14,175
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities & Deferred Note	\$ 31,408	\$ 18,135
Short-term notes payable and debt	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,300</u>
	\$ 45,983	\$ 42,610
Net Assets		
Capital Assets Fund	\$ 99	\$ 139
General Fund	<u>\$(13,368)</u>	<u>\$(14,501)</u>
	<u>\$ 32,444</u>	<u>\$ 28,248</u>

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Revenue

Government Grants	\$ 59,765	\$ 95,800
Membership Fees	\$ 26,660	\$ 25,364
Interest & Other Revenue incl SOCAN fees	<u>\$ 53,163</u>	<u>\$ 48,232</u>
	<u>\$ 139,588</u>	<u>\$ 169,396</u>
Expenses		
Administration	\$ 37,247	\$ 35,538
DanceWeekend/Forums/Nuit Blanche/CTD	\$ 60,768	\$ 97,581
Publications (headlines & Directory) & Marketing	\$ 20,240	\$ 18,845
Promotion and Misc Expenses inc SOCAN remittances	<u>\$ 20,510</u>	<u>\$ 23,049</u>
	<u>\$ 138,765</u>	<u>\$ 175,013</u>

NOTE: Audited statements from Sloan Partnerships LLP may be downloaded from our website at www.danceontario.ca

DANCE ONTARIO PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

COMMISSIONS

Lous Laberge Cote/Jordana Deveau
Jacob Niedzwiecki

TUDS (Toronto Urban Dance) - Battle

Dasein Dance

Ryerson Dances

DANCEWEEKEND'16

CORPUS

Jade's Hip-Hop Academy Performance
Company

Ritmo Flamenco

Rock Bottom Movement

Roshanak Jaberj Projects

Simcoe Contemporary Dance

Canadian Contemporary Dance Theatre

Arte Flamenco Spanish Dance Company

Kaeja d' Dance

George Brown Dance

Yun Dance Toronto

KasheDance

Arkan Dance Company

Newton Moraes Dance Theatre

Esmeralda Enrique Spanish Dance Co

Arabesque

Throwdown Collective

Sashar Zarif Dance Theatre

City Dance Corps

Gadfly Dance

Mi Young Kim Dance

COBA (Collective of Black Artists)

tiger princess dance projects

Coleman Lemieux et Cie

JACQUE FOESIER YOUTH DANCE AWARD

Madison Gray

CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY RICHARD BRADSHAW AMPHITHEATRE PERFORMANCES

KasheDance

REGIONAL NETWORKS

LONDON

Ontario Secondary Schools Dance Fest

Flux London Dance Festival

Regular bulletins/Meetings

DUFFERIN COUNTY

Ecstatic Dance Events

Regular Monthly Meetings

HALTON DISTRICT

Fluorescent Festival approx. 250
students

DanceBEATS events

Intergenerational Workshop

Working with local presenters

Regular meetings/bulletins



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