

# DANCE ONTARIO



## REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

April 2018—March 2019

*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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*Images PDA London*  
*Samara Thompson*

## 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.

The 2018/2019 was a busy and exciting year for Dance Ontario. We held our 26th annual DanceWeekend, a fabulous two day event highlighting the work of almost 300 artists. Our six regional networks thrived, enabling us to extend our reach to the far corners of our vast province. Political advocacy played an essential role in our endeavours, ensuring politicians and government agencies are reminded of the importance of the arts and their funding.

Dance Ontario flourished and broadened its offerings to our members through the dedication and acumen of our Executive Director Rosslyn Jacob Edwards. Her foresight, insight, and commitment to Dance Ontario are immeasurably appreciated. Her staff, Amy Hampton and Julie McLachlan, are integral to the success of Dance Ontario, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank them.

I have great gratitude and appreciation for our Board of Directors, who freely gave of their time and passion to support Dance Ontario's endeavours, furthering the success of our organization. To Jesse Dell, Ofilio Sinbadinho, and Jeff Dimitriou, who are leaving the Board and moving on to other opportunities, thank you for your time and commitment to Dance Ontario.

As we enter our 35th year, we continue to provide rich and valuable services to our members, as we strive to refine and enhance our offerings to them. On behalf of Dance Ontario, I thank you for your membership. We look forward to supporting you and working with you in dance throughout the coming year.

## From Rosslyn Jacob Edwards, Executive Director

In 2018-19 Dance Ontario Association delivered all services in accordance with both our mandate and member surveys conducted to identify specific issues and requirements. A committee of the Board of Directors was struck to revise our service organization's *Anti-Racism, Access and Equity Policy and Human Rights Procedures* to ensure that Ontario's dance sector has safe and respectful places in which to work and create.



Throughout this fiscal year, the Association's staff built on strategies to digitalize a number of services and activities. "headlines", our quarterly print newsletter, is now delivered on-line on a monthly basis. In addition, we are streamlining membership remittances to on-line only with automatic renewals in January each year. These measures will save staff time, ease cash flow issues encountered each spring as well as build a more robust and engaged membership base. SOCAN and Re:Sound have now amalgamated into a single source under *entandem*. Details have yet to be issued but should be in place shortly.

Dance Ontario's six established regional networks continued to flourish. 2019 was the final year of our 3-year Ontario Trillium Foundation grant and saw the unqualified success of our all-networks meeting in Windsor last July. Since then, our six hubs have moved ahead with initiatives in Halton, Dufferin, London, Sudbury, The Soo and Windsor. Their activities range from celebrations of International Dance Day, participation in Culture Days, festivals, intensives, classes and workshops impacting in excess of 12,000 residents across their combined communities. Our report on the Networks can be downloaded from our website [[www.danceontario.ca/activity-detail/regional-networks](http://www.danceontario.ca/activity-detail/regional-networks).]

Once again DanceWeekend'19 delighted audiences last January with a strong curated platform highlighting many forms of dance. Commissions by Makeda Benitez and Decades Collective brought theatre patrons to their feet.

Advocacy played a more prominent role in Dance Ontario's activities during this election year with movement through the PASO-OPSA Coalition and Ontarians for the Arts (OfA). As many of you will be aware however, although gains in funding were made for both the Ontario Arts Council and Ontario Trillium Foundation, they have since been cut back as a result of changes in the provincial government.

In closing, succession plans are in place for anticipated staff retirements in 2020 prior to which we are moving ahead with all initiatives and core services to meet the needs of you, our valued members.

## By the numbers

**6** regional

**networks**

**45** new  
**members**

**56** Dance

**Companies**

**82** Dance Schools

**112** Dance

**Professionals**

**24** companies

**showcasing 298**  
**dancers on our**  
**stages**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET at March 31, 2018**

<b>Assets</b>	2019	2018
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Bank	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	\$ 17,425	\$10,832
HST Receivable	\$ 7,206	\$ 4,441
Prepaid Expenses & Other current assets	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
	<u>\$ 24,631</u>	<u>\$15,273</u>
 <b>Liabilities &amp; Surplus</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Bank indebtedness	\$ 4,409	\$ 11,234
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities & Deferred Note	\$ 29,500	\$ 16,919
Deferred Revenues	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 2,552</u>
	\$ 33,909	\$ 30,705
 <b>Deficit</b>		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ (9,278)</u>	<u>\$ (15,432)</u>
	<u>\$ 24,631</u>	<u>\$ 15,273</u>

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

**Revenue**

Government Grants	\$107,631	\$110,480
Membership Fees	\$ 23,091	\$ 28,110
Interest & Other Revenue incl SOCAN fees	<u>\$ 36,650</u>	<u>\$ 40,556</u>
	<u>\$167,372</u>	<u>\$179,146</u>

**Expenses**

Administration	\$ 41,143	\$ 38,522
DanceWeekend	\$ 54,844	\$ 53,043
Regional Activities & Forum	\$ 32,901	\$ 51,367
Publications (headlines & Directory) & Marketing	\$ 16,304	\$ 15,348
Promotion and Misc Expenses inc SOCAN remittances	<u>\$ 16,026</u>	<u>\$ 14,026</u>
	<u>\$161,218</u>	<u>\$172,308</u>
Surplus/deficit	\$ 6,154	\$ 6,838
Deficit—Beginning of Year	\$ (15,432)	\$ (22,270)
Deficit—End of year	\$ ( 9,278)	\$ (15,432)



# DANCE ONTARIO PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES AND REGIONAL ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

## COMMISSIONS

Makeda Benitez  
Decades Collective



## DANCEWEEKEND'19

Makeda Benitez | Persamenco

Decades Collective (Maxine Heppner,  
Sashar Zarif, Jennifer Dallas, Mi Young Kim,  
Mafa Makhubalo, Atri Nundry)

Mi Young Kim Dance Company

Alysa Pires Dance Projects

Ryerson Dances

New Blue Dance | Tanveer Alam

Egyptian Dance Company

Canada's Ballet Jorgen  
Canadian Contemporary Dance Theatre

Sampradaya Dance Creations  
School of Toronto Dance Theatre  
Belinda McGuire Dance Projects  
George Brown Dance

Avinoam Silverman Dance Company

Esmeralda Enrique Spanish Dance Co  
Arabesque

Rock Bottom Movement

Arte Flamenco Spanish Dance Co

Larchaud Dance Project

Kaha:wi Dance Theatre

Ritmo Flamenco

Nostos Collectives

Zata Omm

Tiger princess dance projects | Yvonne Ng

Kaeja d'Dance

Arkan Dance Company

Dance Immersion | Shavar Blackwood

Peggy Baker Dance Projects

**JACQUE FOESIER YOUTH DANCE AWARD**  
Ethan Bucholtz

## REGIONAL NETWORKS

**REGIONAL ASSEMBLY—Windsor July 2018**

**LONDON DANCE NETWORK**  
*Coordinator: Bizz Varty & Alyssa Cassidy*  
Ontario Secondary Schools Dance Fest  
Live-streaming DanceWeekend'18  
London Dance Festival  
Regular bulletins/Meetings

**DUFFERIN DANCE NETWORKS**  
*Coordinator: Catherine Carpenko*  
Ecstatic Dance Events  
Regular Monthly Meetings

## **HALTON DANCE NETWORK**

*Coordinators: Kate Lowe & Alan Faigal*  
Fluorescent Festival for IDD  
DanceBEATS events  
Culture Days  
Intergenerational Workshop  
Working with local presenters  
Regular meetings/bulletins

## **WINDSOR & REGION DANCE**

*Coordinator: Mary Jo Mullins, John Salalida*  
Regular Monthly Meetings  
Live-streaming DanceWeekend'18  
Participated in Ontario Secondary Schools  
Dance Festival (OSSDF)  
ParkDances

## **SUDBURY DANCE NETWORK**

*Coordinator: Emma Duncan*  
Live-streaming DanceWeekend'18  
Meetings scheduled  
Gaga Workshop w/Alvin Collantes  
branches2018

## **ALGOMA DANCE NETWORK**

*Coordinator: Valerie Calam*  
Workshops & Classes

Ontario Trillium Foundation  
  
Fondation Trillium de l'Ontario  
An agency of the Government of Ontario  
Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

  
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