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“some of the best dancers you will ever see” — *Calgary Herald*  
“an essential part of the city’s arts scene” — *The Oregonian*  
“a company of slick, skilled dancers” — *The New Yorker*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OPEN POSITION – CANDIDATE SOUGHT

NW Dance Project, a Portland-based 501(c)(3) arts not-for-profit, is seeking a qualified and involved community member to join our volunteer Board of Directors.

### About NW Dance Project:

NW Dance Project was founded in Portland in 2004 by acclaimed dancer, mentor, and choreographer Sarah Slipper. NW Dance Project is dedicated to the creation and performance of innovative, new contemporary dance works by talented choreographers from around the world, all created in an open and artistically stimulating environment. NW Dance Project has fostered the creation and Portland-premiere of over 350 original contemporary dance works to date — an unparalleled number of new works for a dance company. Our award-winning company performs four unique shows in Portland annually and tours regionally, nationally, and internationally. NW Dance Project is also committed to advancing dance education, equity, and community engagement through our cost-free Dance Moves arts access and participation programs; ongoing dance training and classes for youth and adults of all levels, abilities, and in a range of dance styles; and special programs for rising, aspiring, and in-transition professional dancers. Most non-performance activities, programs, and projects (creation, rehearsals, classes, special projects, administration, etc.) occur at our light and bright NE Portland Creative Center, which has grown to become a crucial multi-functional community resource and support center.

### Qualifications/Responsibilities/Expectations:

- A passion for the performing arts, contemporary dance, and NW Dance Project
- Support the mission, work, programming, directors, dancers, and staff of NW Dance Project
- Commit to a minimum of three years of service
- Attend and contribute to bi-monthly board meetings (90 minutes max, usually via Zoom)
- Ability to work as a member of a team and to bring critical thinking, leadership, clear communication, a sense of humor, and a zest for life to all activities and endeavors
- Minimum purchase of two season subscriptions; two tickets to annual fundraising gala; two tickets to all special events.
- Attendance at promotional and community events offered by and/or featuring NW Dance Project
- Annual contribution of Board Dues at \$1,500
- Understand and agree to the organization’s anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies
- Introduce NW Dance Project to the board member’s personal and professional communities and contacts

### Desired skills/interest in one or more of the following:

- Fundraising, development, social networking
- Event planning and development
- Marketing and promotion
- Website development
- Financial/Accounting
- Legal

NW Dance Project maintains robust Liability and Directors and Officers insurance policies (among others).

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Executive Director Scott Lewis at [info@nwdanceproject.org](mailto:info@nwdanceproject.org) and/or 503.756.1912. We are strong supporters of diversity, equity, access, and inclusion, and we highly encourage applicants from all corners of Portland.