

MOCEAN DANCE

Mocean Dance Recruitment Posting: TREASURER, Board of Directors

The volunteer Board of Directors for Mocean Dance is currently recruiting for the role of TREASURER. Ideally, this individual understands financial accounting for nonprofit organizations (CPA preferred) and is committed to and interested in:

- Maintaining a leadership role on the Board's finance committee;
- Reviewing quarterly financial reports prepared by staff;
- Approving payroll and other payments on a bi-weekly basis. Payroll consists of a staff of four, and varying contract workers ranging from 2 to 10 depending on project size which varies from month to month. Other payments typically include 2-8 invoices per period;
- Presenting staff generated quarterly financial reports to the Board and presenting the audited financial statements at the AGM with support from the Artistic Leadership;
- Providing occasional support to Mocean's Finance Associate and staff;
- Assisting Mocean staff/board with identification and implementation of best-practices for financial record keeping and reporting.

Start date: June 2025

About Mocean Dance

Based in Kjiptuk/Halifax, Nova Scotia Mocean Dance is an award-winning contemporary dance company. Led by Co-Artistic Directors Susanne Chui and Sara Coffin, Mocean provides fertile ground for artistic endeavours and potential in the field of dance. We share perspectives of our region and create opportunities to engage the local ecology and connect to the national performing arts community. Through our work, we aim to support Halifax as a hotspot for creation, research, experimentation, collaboration, and performance.

Recognized nationally as a leading dance company from the Atlantic Region, the company was honoured with The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Masterworks Art Award in 2016 for *Canvas 5 x 5*, which was the first time this esteemed provincial award was given to a Nova Scotia dance work. Founded in 2001 by Carolle Crooks Fernando, Sarah Rozee, Sara Harrigan, Alicia Orr MacDonald, and Lisa Phinney Langley, Mocean has been a proud resident company of Halifax Dance since 2002.

Our Vision

A **thriving** contemporary dance community that **connects** artists and audiences, and that reflects Nova Scotia's **cultural dynamism**.

Our Mission

Nurture and grow contemporary dance creation and artistic practice, while catalyzing exchange across collaborative disciplines and communities.

Our Mandate

- Create, produce and present contemporary dance
- Collaborate with other arts disciplines and organizations in the creation and presentation of new work
- Develop and employ dancers, choreographers, and other artistic makers with a connection to Nova Scotia and our region
- Focus community engagement to broaden access to dance
- Develop audiences for dance and multidisciplinary work
- Advocate for dance and be an ambassador for dance from our region
- Tour work regionally, nationally, and internationally

Our Values and Philosophy

- ❖ **Artist-centered:** *Spaces where artists thrive and grow*
- ❖ **Integrity:** *Care for the people. Care for the work*
- ❖ **Exchange:** *Invite curiosity and activate possibility*
- ❖ **Transformation:** *New experiences and sensations of human imagination*

Board of Directors Role and Purpose

The Board provides governance and oversight of Mocean's operations and supports the staff as needed. Mocean employs two, full-time Co-Artistic Directors that oversee the overall direction and management of the organization and two part-time staff, a Communications and Administrative Associate and a Finance Associate. Day-to-day administration is delegated to the Artistic leadership and staff. All of the organization's artistic programming and development is the responsibility of the Co-Artistic Directors.

The board meets 4-6 times per year in person, or by Zoom as needed. Meetings typically last 2 hours and require 1 hour of preparation. Additional committee meetings are held on a needs basis. Typical committees include Fundraising, Nominating, Equity, and Human Resources.

Board members are asked for a three-year commitment which may be renewed up to twice.

Criteria for Members

- A passion for and commitment to the vision, mission, and values;
- The ability to advocate for Mocean in different facets of the community;
- A willingness to share personal and professional contacts;
- The ability to represent the organization and act as spokesperson;
- Engagement and commitment to stay informed of all development and decisions;
- Attendance at performances and events, and introduce others to Mocean;
- Participation in fundraising activities and identifying potential donors & sponsors;
- A pledge to act in the best interest of the organization at all times;
- A financial contribution that is meaningful, and willingness to invite new contributions.

Benefits to Participation on Board of Directors

- Be a part of an inspiring, supportive, and generous community;
- Expand your understanding and appreciation of professional contemporary dance arts;
- Expand your knowledge of not-for-profit board governance and operations;
- Broaden your networks and connections in the dance, arts, and non-profit sectors;
- Support contemporary arts and artistic development in Nova Scotia;
- Support community development through socially conscious art programs;
- Build awareness in the opportunity of the 'creative economy';
- Model the value of culture as a sustaining and enriching force in our community.

Mocean Dance Accomplishments and Organizational Highlights

- Secured funding from Canada Council for the Arts, Canadian Heritage, Communities, Culture and Heritage NS, Halifax, and new private sponsors and donors. In 2010, Mocean was one of the first dance companies to receive operating status from the Canada Council's Creation/Production in Dance Program.
- Worked with notable mentors on visioning, programming, touring, fundraising, marketing and organizational management.
- Provided employment and development opportunities for company members, professional dance artists and other creatives.
- Brought a regional voice to national and international dance stages.
- Received the Lieutenant Governor's Masterworks Award, the province's highest honour for artistic accomplishment

For more info visit our website: <https://moceandance.com/board-recruitment>

How to apply

To apply for this position, please send your resume and a brief cover letter describing why you would like to join our Mocean team: office@moceandance.com with the subject line: Treasurer Role.