

MOCEAN DANCE

OPEN CALL - PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY *REQUEST FOR SHORT DANCE WORKS*

SPRING BLOOMS | The Dance of Life **Communities in Mocean Showcase Performance**

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 - 11:59pm ADT

NOTIFICATION DEADLINE: The week of February 24, 2025

Spring Blooms | The Dance of Life is a celebration of dance through life's stages featuring the 2025 premiere of *Mocean's Communities in Mocean - Older Adults Centre Stage* and guest performances by Mocean's Emerging Artist Program *SURGE* and the Atlantic professional dance community. Partnering with the Central Library, the performance will take place **Wednesday, April 2 at 7pm at the Paul O'Regan Hall.**

Performance Opportunity: Seeking Two Dance Works

Mocean Dance is looking for **two short dance works by Atlantic-based dance artists (up to 10 mins each)** to share the evening program. Works can be in-development, using frameworks of improvisation, or fully completed. The intention is to provide more sharing platforms and opportunities for performance. The evening will include a talkback, moderated by Co-Artistic Director Sara Coffin, to create exchange and dialogue between artists and audience to share insight to creative practices and inspirations for each work.

Theme: We are looking for dance works that align with the event's theme of *Spring Bloom, Dance of Life*. These themes could include (but are not limited to): cycles, celebrations of life, closing and opening, tender possibilities, rising anew, and with joyful tones.

Technical information: Please note: this is an informal, low-tech performance setting. **Only works with minimal set-up and low technical requirements can be considered.**

Venue Information: Paul O'Reagan Hall has a smooth, unsprung floor. We will be covering it with a dance marley. Selected artists will be given a short time (approx. 30 mins) to run the piece in the space before the show. Sound and ambient lighting will be provided; no special lighting available.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Contact Name and Email
- Total Number of Participating Artists
- Names of Key Artists
- Production History (*New / Existing*)
- Stage of Development (*work-in-progress, completed work*)
- Movement or Performance Style of the work
- Title of Performance
- Brief Summary of Performance (*1-5 sentences*)
- Runtime of Performance
- Technical Requirements (Props, Set or change over considerations, if any)
- Link to Support Material - URL link of video of work and/or sample
- One image to represent the work

Application Process:

Interested artists are asked to complete the [Application Form](#). Up to two works/groups will be selected and artists will be notified the week of February 24, 2025.

Studio Hours and Mentorship:

Selected artists can access 15 hours of studio time at Halifax Dance through Mocean's Company-in-Residence status. Outside-eye support and artistic/choreographic discourse opportunities are also available with Mocean's Artistic Leadership team.

Presentation and Fees:

Selected dance works will be presented at the Communities in Mocean showcase, Spring Blooms | The Dance of Life at the Halifax Central Library, Paul O'Regan Hall on Wednesday, April 2 at 7pm.

Fees: Selected works will receive an honorarium of \$500 to \$1000, depending on group size. Please note there are no additional funds for travel expenses.

Eligibility:

This opportunity is open to **Atlantic-based professional dance or movement-based artists/choreographers working in all dance forms**. Artists can submit up to two (2) works for consideration. Works or excerpts should be no longer than 10 minutes.

We are keen to support artists from all communities and intersecting identities currently underrepresented in Canadian dance (including but not limited to IBPOC, LGBTQIA+ & Two-Spirit people and Deaf and disabled artists).

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PLEASE NOTE: If the Application Form is not an accessible format for you or for any further information or application assistance please email Sara Coffin at saracoffin@moceandance.com