DANCE CORK FIRKIN CRANE

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in Dance Cork Firkin Crane.

Located in a heritage building in Shandon, Cork's north city centre, Dance Cork Firkin Crane (DCFC) is an arts organisation that specialises in supporting dance artists, presenting dance performances, and encouraging people in Cork to engage with dance of all kinds.

We are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified candidates who have a passion and enthusiasm for the arts to join our Board of Directors and support our organisation as we grow and develop. We aim to build on the expertise of the existing board members and engage with individuals who will contribute positively to, and advocate for, the organisation.

We are particularly interested in hearing from individuals with experience in the following areas:

- Accounting and Finance
- Fundraising
- Human Resources

Suitable candidates should also have a good understanding of the not-for-profit and Charities Sectors in Ireland. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and those with and without disabilities.

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Among the activities undertaken by the DCFC Board are:

- Prepare for, and contribute to, Board and committee meetings.
- Question appropriately, but to share responsibility for decisions.
- Be well-informed about the organisation's purpose, services and strategies, and its operating environment.
- Challenge and support the Executive.
- Undertake other functions as required e.g. selection committees, fundraising committees, finance committees.
- Use connections, experience, or networks to further organisational development, as an ambassador for the organisation.
- Maintain balance between strategic and operational management.

Time Commitment

As a board member, the organisation welcomes your input and expertise through regular board meetings, which take place approximately six times per year online. There are also specialised sub-committees. Joining one is optional and would increase the time commitment.

We also encourage board members to attend events taking place at Dance Cork Firkin Crane in order to have a well-rounded understanding of the organisation, its mission, artists, and staff. The performance programme usually takes place on Friday and Saturday evenings. Complimentary tickets are available to board members.

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For more information and to apply

Please email a brief cover letter and professional CV to DCFC Executive Artistic Director Laurie Uprichard at laurie@firkincrane.ie. In your submission, please outline why you are interested in the position and how you feel that you would make a positive contribution to the Board. Please include details of relevant experience and any other past or present directorships.

We also welcome the chance to meet for a coffee or online to discuss the vacancies and the organisation in further detail.

About Us

What we do -

Dance Cork Firkin Crane provides an inclusive and welcoming space for dance work to be developed and viewed through a year-round programme of residencies, workshops, studio rentals, community programmes, dance performances and special events.

Our programme is mission driven, aiming to identify, nurture, and support local and regional artists while simultaneously introducing artists and audiences to national and international choreographers. We support an annual dance artist in residence and work in concert with other national dance organisations including Dance Ireland, Dance Limerick, Galway Dance, Tipperary Dance and Uillinn West Cork Arts Centre.

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Artist residencies supporting the research, development, and production of new work are a central aspect of DCFC's programme. In addition, a series of professional presentations, with a lens towards audience engagement, take place throughout the year. Professional and community classes for adults and youth are also offered.

DCFC has also initiated a special project, Inclusive Dance Cork, which trains disabled and non-disabled dancers in methodologies for teaching dance to a variety of populations. This programme is supported by ReThink Ireland and the Community Foundation for Ireland.

Our Vision -

For dance to be one of the most vital and engaging artforms in Cork and Munster

Our Mission -

To promote and advance dance as a creative artform. We do this in three ways:

1. Supporting the development of dance;
2. Sustaining the holistic development of the dance artist;
3. Bringing dance to diverse communities through learning, audience development and participation.

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Company Information

Number of paid employees: 6-10 employees
Current board size: 5
Annual turnover: €500,000 - €1,000,000
Not-for-Profit focus: Arts, Culture, Heritage, Science
Not-for-Profit structure: Company Limited by Guarantee
Funding: Dance Cork Firkin Crane is funded by the Arts Council and Cork City Council.

Find Out More about Dance Cork Firkin Crane

Visit our website www.dancecorkfirkincrane.ie
Browse our most recent Season Programme here
Watch a recap video of Take Off Festival 2024 here.

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