DANCEBUILDERS

Making Chicago Dance Stronger, Together.

DanceBuilders are committed dance lovers and patrons who believe in the transformative power of dance. DanceBuilders take a leading role in the growth of a strong dance sector and support Chicago's position as a burgeoning international dance capital.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

***Building an ever-growing dance community…*We hope you will join DanceBuilders today! Know that your gift makes a measurable difference for the entire dance sector. Benefits include:**

Silver Level ($250 -$499)

- **Annual Reception:** Each April, as part of Chicago Dance Month, See Chicago Dance hosts a complimentary DanceBuilders Celebration, offering an opportunity for members to mingle with other dance lovers and many of the artists who participate in Dance Month.
- **Website Recognition:** All DanceBuilders are recognized on our DanceBuilders page on our website.
- **Priority Invitations:** DanceBuilders are the first to receive announcements and invitations to purchase discounted tickets for special events, such as our popular Dinner with a Director series. This series features an intimate dinner in a private home with leading artistic directors from Chicago and around the world, and the dinners often sell out.
- **Upcoming Special *Hamilton* Event!** DanceBuilders at the $250 level or more will have priority access to an exclusive event with cast members from *Hamilton!* The ticket package will include the performance, access to the VIP suite with beverage service, light nibbles, private bathrooms, and a post-show conversation with some of the performers. DanceBuilders will have first access to these limited packages, and pricing details will be announced soon. *(Please note that the DanceBuilders membership fee does not include the ticket price. Additional fees will apply.)*

Gold Level ($500-$999) – all of the above, plus…

- **Media Reel:** DanceBuilders receive a media reel featuring performance excerpts from recent works by Chicago dance artists and companies!

Platinum Level ($1,000 and above) - all of the above, plus…

- **Expanded Recognition**: Inclusion in a broad variety or donor recognition materials, including mention in press releases, on signage at pop-up performance events, and in the video at our annual Gala!

Please join or renew your DanceBuilders' contribution by May 1, 2018 to ensure that our programs and services continue seamlessly. Thank you!

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INCREASED GIFTS GO EVEN FURTHER

See Chicago Dance (SCD) provides programming for dance organizations of all sizes to increase their exposure to current and potential audiences, develop new opportunities for touring and bookings, gain professional development knowledge, deepen their engagement with the public, and maintain meaningful relationships within their field.

HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW DANCEBUILDERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

$400 provides breakfast (coffee, bagels, fruit) for our dance community convenings for the year. SCD hosts **free, quarterly convenings** to foster dialogue among artistic directors, independent artists, administrators, and funders, with attendance averaging 65 people per event. As many companies lack funds to seek outside assistance, SCD provides invaluable **peer networking/educational opportunities**. Guest speakers include experts in arts advocacy, fundraising, and legal issues, offering a rich environment for professional advancement.

$500 underwrites expenses such as **travel and honorariums** for guest artists who will participate in one of our *Moving Dialogs* discussion events. *Moving Dialogs* creates opportunities for conversations between artists and audiences around **cultural issues**.

$750 provides the necessary funds to **hire professional dance critics** for one month to write reviews/previews that are published on our high traffic website SeeChicagoDance.com. These critics write more than 60 articles per year, providing critical coverage and recognition to dance performances, during an era of dwindling media coverage.

$800 will give See Chicago Dance a **new microphone and audio set**, which will be portable for dance presenters, choreographers, directors, and panelists for our events open to the public. Such events include the free *Thank Dance it's Friday* performance series in Chicago parks, and the *Moving Dialogs* dance and culture discussion series, which highlights Chicago artists as they engage in an open dialog with audiences about their work in our multi-cultural city.

$2,000 will underwrite the expense of **renting a studio and hiring technical staff** to provide complimentary professional-quality videography and photography to Chicago dance companies and individual artists. The high-resolution images and video gathered from the shoot will elevate artists and organizations as they promote their work and apply for funding opportunities. Our organization will use the diverse, quality digital media on SeeChicagoDance.com and in print publications to more accurately represent our member organizations.

VISION

To fearlessly inspire an ever-growing inclusive community to share in and spread the power of dance in Chicago.

We invite you to help us build the bridge to a stronger dance community.

If you would like more information, please contact Heather Hartley, Executive Director at heather@seechicagodance.com or 312-846-6357

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