



- is the provincial umbrella organization for all forms of dance.
- is primarily a service organization dedicated to the promotion and development of dance as a cultural, educational, healthful, social, and recreational activity.
- serves all forms of dance and works to increase the availability of dance to Nova Scotians of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.
- recognizes and supports those practitioners of dance who strive for excellence in teaching, competition and performance.
- recognizes the importance of dance as part of the larger cultural framework impacting on the lives of Nova Scotians; works through the Cultural Federations of Nova Scotia and with other cultural organizations and agencies for the improvement in quality of life value and economic value that result from cultural activity.

#### Role

Dance in all its forms is an important aspect of Nova Scotia's culture. Dance Nova Scotia is the umbrella agency mandated to bring the various elements of the dance community together in order to encourage its development.

#### Goal

To serve the community by working in concert with existing dance schools and organizations to:

- promote dance;
- provide a communication link between the dance community and the government;
- provide programs that encourage the development of dance;
- provide an organizational framework and act as a resource for dance forms that do not have a representative association;
- provide administrative and program assistance to projects of member organizations which have a provincial, national or significant long term impact.



## Membership

Dance Nova Scotia is a service organization dedicated to the promotion and development of dance as a cultural, educational, healthful, social, and recreational activity. We serve all forms of dance and work to increase the availability of dance to Nova Scotians of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Find out more about our organization inside this brochure!



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# What we do for you!

## Keep you connected

As a member of Dance Nova Scotia you will receive our weekly email newsletter, Enews, which keeps you up to date on the happenings and opportunities of our dance community!

## Promote our members

Through Dance Nova Scotia you can have a web listing, list your drop-in classes, feature your photos and videos on our website, include your events on our calendar, in our Enews, and have your news and events shared through our social media streams.

## Advocate for dance

We strive to keep the importance of dance on the radar of our governments and the public at large.

## A hub for information and resources

Dance Nova Scotia has a library of books and videos which can assist dance students and dance teachers, including a section on the prevention and care of dance injuries.

## Workshops

We hold workshops throughout the year in topics that are of interest to our membership. Members receive a reduced rate.

## SOCAN licensing

All dance teachers who use non-public domain music for their classes are required to have a SOCAN ([www.socan.ca](http://www.socan.ca)) license. In 2002, Dance Nova Scotia negotiated a deal with SOCAN whereby individual members could receive their license through Dance Nova Scotia at the lowest cost charged by SOCAN, no matter how many dance classes they teach.

*Front cover photos left to right courtesy of: Nova Scotia Square and Round Dance Federation., MacArthur School of Dance, Ballet Jörgen, Jazz Campbell and Serpentine Studios.*

## Office services

Dance Nova Scotia members can take advantage of at-cost prices on colour and black & white photocopying and postage. Contact the office for more information.

## Grant writing assistance

If you need help writing or researching grants, the staff at Dance Nova Scotia are happy to meet with you to get you off on the right foot. Dance Nova Scotia's membership at GrantStation.com allows us to search their database of funding sources to find the right grant for you.

## Affiliated membership rates with CDA

The Canadian Dance Assembly (CDA) is the voice of the professional dance sector in Canada and promotes a healthy, sustainable environment in which professional dance practice can grow and thrive. As a member of Dance Nova Scotia you are eligible for their affiliated rates.

## Help you to navigate the dance world

We do our best to help you find answers to your questions about all things dance! If you need some help in any area of your career, your studies, your dance group, we are here for you!

All membership categories receive the same benefits except for the reduced rate SOCAN Licensing and CDA membership—this is exclusive to individual members.

## Our membership categories

- Organization \$ 25
- Individual (any Nova Scotia resident) \$ 25
- Individual (for Nova Scotia Fitness Association members) \$ 15
- Student (grade school or post-secondary education) \$ 10

By joining Dance Nova Scotia you are adding your voice to those of dance teachers, students and organizations throughout Nova Scotia to ensure that dance in all of its forms continues to be a part of our lives. Your support and involvement strengthens the dance community and enables Dance Nova Scotia to continue our valuable work.

To join, contact us by phone or email as listed below!

## Our current initiatives

**Dance for Health**—a campaign to promote dance as a contributor to our health and wellness.

**National Dance Week and International Dance Day**—In 1982, UNESCO designated April 29th as International Dance Day. April 22-29 is National Dance Week in Canada. Dance Nova Scotia promotes these events to advocate for the value of dance in our society.

**Dare to Dance**—a challenge to schools across the province to dance for 20 minutes sometime during National Dance Week. This program sees thousands of school children dancing each year.

**Taking Steps to Fly**—our young choreographers' showcase, open to dancers across the province in all forms of dance.

The logo for Dance Nova Scotia features the word "dance" in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below it, the words "NOVA SCOTIA" are written in a smaller, clean, sans-serif, all-caps font.

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