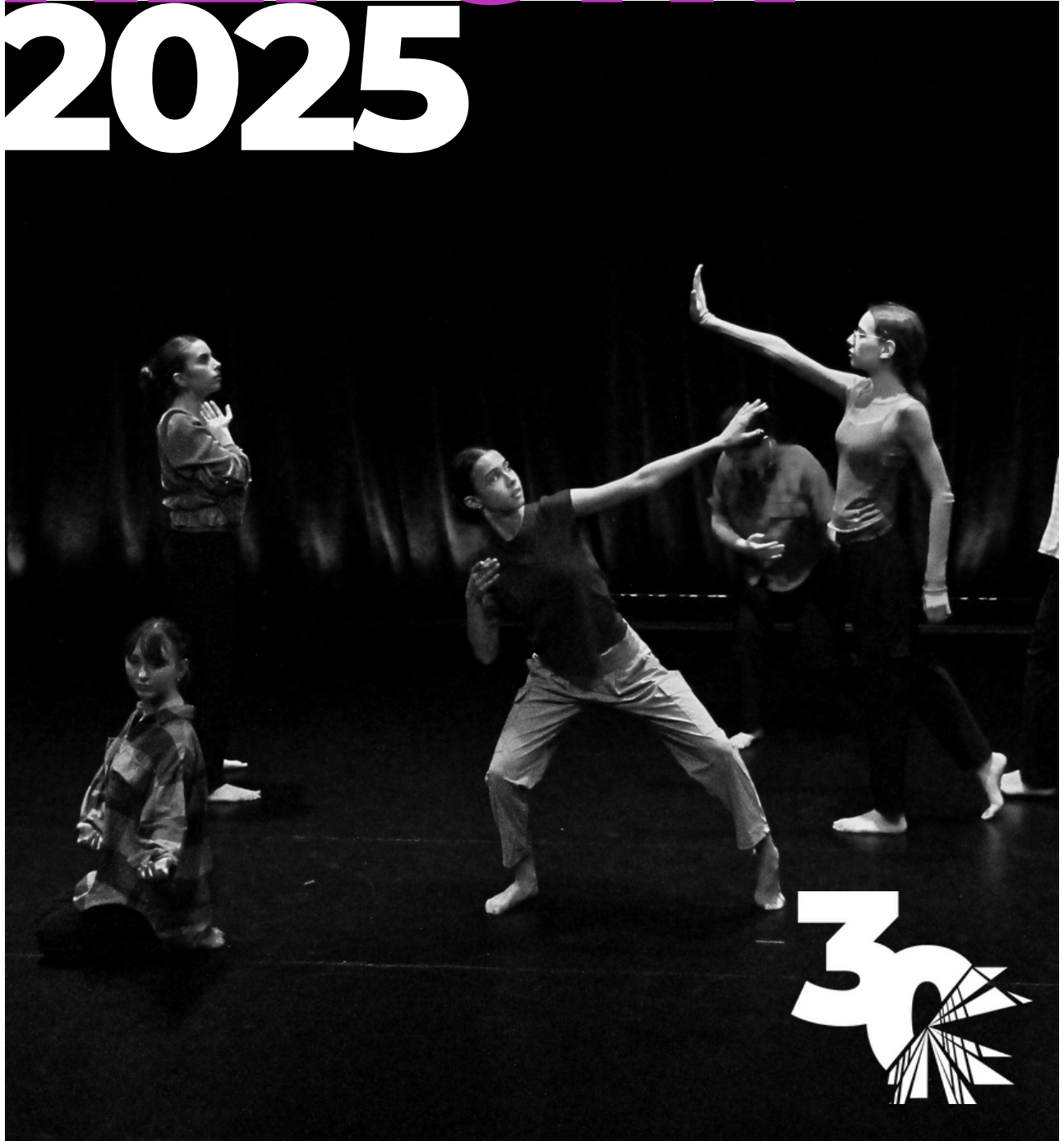


**DANCEWAVE**

# IMPACT REPORT

# 2025



# ABOUT DANCEWAVE

**We believe in youth empowerment, whole-person development, and a community-oriented dance experience accessible to all.**

We use dance as a vehicle for expression, community building, self-reflective transformation and active citizenship. Central to our work is Dancewave's unique culture model, which strives to subvert oppressive systems through responsive and equity-driven programming.

## OUR 2025 TEAM



Phoebe Ballard



Hallee Bernstein



Ajé Brown



Lindsey Jennings



Meredith Katibah



Marissa Kuczkowski



Meropi Peponides



Kalinda Santor



Jessie Sector



Kristen Stout



Serenity Taylor



Sophie Tibiletti



Nicole Touzien

# MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**TODD L.  
SPILLANE**  
Board Chair

As we mark Dancewave's 30th anniversary in 2025, the Board of Directors is honored to celebrate three decades of meaningful impact, artistic excellence, and community connection. This milestone reflects the dedication of our administrative and teaching staff, whose commitment allows Dancewave to engage 25,000 individuals annually with accessible and transformative dance experiences.

With multilingual and intergenerational programming, innovative artist support services, flexible and free tuition pathways, and year-round, seven-days-a-week access to the Dancewave Center, the organization continues to evolve in response to the needs of our diverse community.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who participates in our programs, contributes financially, or champions our work from afar. Your support ensures that the joy, connection, and opportunity of dance remain within reach for all.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Nicole Best



Rachel Brush



Tiffany Mellard



Dagmar Nedbal



Kinjal Parekh



Livia Reuss



Vanessa Williams



Mackenzie Yedlin

## ARTISTIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

Allie James | Monique Smith | Nola Sporn Smith  
Krystal Mackie | Malcolm McMichael | Tiffany Mellard (Chair) | Maleek Washington

# OUR IMPACT

Dancewave connected with an international community of nearly **25,000** individuals in 2025.



Nearly  
**\$100,000**  
in youth scholarships  
awarded



**500**  
young artists trained  
at the Dancewave  
Center



**250+**  
hours of pre-  
professional  
performance training  
logged with  
professional artists



**300**  
high school students  
started their college  
journey at Dancewave  
Through College and  
Beyond



**100**  
no-cost programs  
hosted in schools and  
community centers



**3,300+**  
hours spent supporting  
cultural literacy through  
our Community  
Residencies



**\$30,000**  
in rehearsal subsidies  
awarded to **over 600**  
local artists



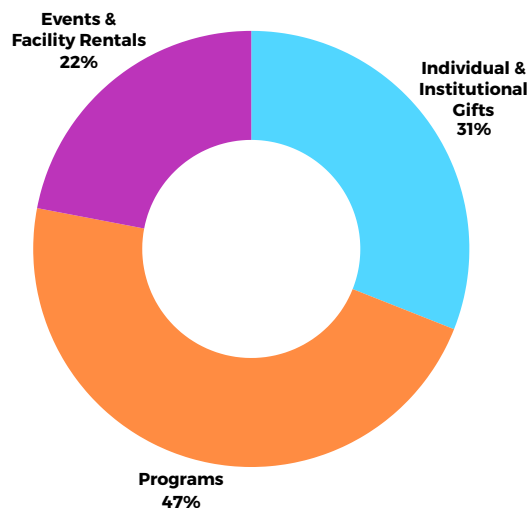
**75**  
free or low cost classes  
hosted through our Class  
Share Program earning an  
**average of \$1,800 per**  
teaching artist

# FINANCIALS

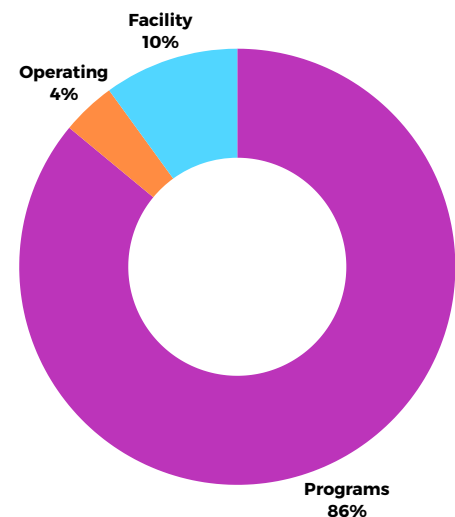
Dancewave strives to live its mission, vision, and values at all levels of the organization. We allocate our financial resources carefully and strategically to maximize community impact. Dancewave prioritizes equitable access for all participants, providing fee-based programs that employ flexible and free tuition options. No one is ever turned away for lack of funds.

Thanks to the organization's excellent fiscal management, Dancewave has emerged strong following the COVID-19 pandemic. Dancewave seeks to grow and diversify its financial portfolio with mission-aligned partners to ensure continued sustainability and success. To learn more, please get in touch with [leadership@dancewave.org](mailto:leadership@dancewave.org).

## INCOME



## EXPENSES





## OUR SUPPORTERS



Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation | DanceNYC | Doolittle Foundation Trust | Find Your Light Foundation | Genesis Inspiration Foundation | Harkness Foundation for Dance | The Hyde and Watson Foundation | The Janey Fund Charitable Trust | Jody & John Arnhold | Marianne and George F. Markham Foundation, Inc. | The Pierre and Tana Matisse Foundation | 1834 Project | Youth Inc.

**And a vibrant network of 180+ individuals whose charitable contributions make our work possible**

**We thank you for your continued support of a more inclusive and vibrant dance community.**

As we reflect on the last 30 years, we are reinvigorated in our mission to bring accessible arts education to the people of NYC and beyond. We are well into our three-year Strategic Plan that has helped guide our work boldly forward in this new era!

**Our plan enables us to better advance our mission, vision, and values by:**



### **Deepening Our Commitment to Equitable Access**

Increasing access to a wider segment of participants from low-income and marginalized communities



### **Increasing Community Investment in our Work**

Improving fundraising efforts and coalition building to bolster our ability to provide free and low-cost programming



### **Amplifying Advancement Opportunities**

Increasing opportunities for professional development via networking and whole person-focused arts training