

About Us

You Ought to Know About Jane Franklin Dance

Mission

Jane Franklin Dance celebrates movement and makes dance accessible to a wide range of audiences through public performances, community engagement, dance education, and collaborations with artists from other disciplines.

Innovative projects combine dance with digital and visual arts, neighborhood participation, and original music. Named The Best Dance Company in the Washington City Paper 'Best of DC 2008,' Jane Franklin Dance has earned recognition in the Metro area by promoting active participation in dance by people of all ages and by performing unique collaborations in unusual locations. The company has been presented at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Dance Place, Grace Street Theater, Dance Bethesda, Old Dominion University's Choreographers' Showcase, New York's International Dance Festival, Charlotte Dance Festival in North Carolina, Richmond's "Yes, Virginia-Dance!" and other state and regional venues. In April 2008 Jane Franklin Dance made its international debut in Puebla Mexico at the Universidad Las Americas and then performed at University of Colorado Denver.

Collaborative projects with poetry, live music, community participation and visual art have received funding in multiple years from the Virginia Commission, the Alexandria Commission, and the Arlington Commission for the Arts, American Composers Forum – Washington DC Chapter and from foundations including Arlington Community Foundation and Washington Forrest Foundation. Jane Franklin is a recipient of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region Creative Communities Initiative grant for a dance/video project inspired by round wall skateboarding. An installation art and dance piece was selected for the 2008-09 season at Mead Theatre Lab at Flashpoint, a project of the Cultural Development Corporation.

Dance education includes performances and workshops for Montgomery County Public Schools and for Arlington's Humanities Project. A STAR Award recipient for "Outstanding Community Outreach," Jane Franklin Dance's ongoing projects include work with the Senior Adult community and after school projects for youth. Jane Franklin Dance has been recognized by Virginia's Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts and the company tours for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Paul Mellon Arts in Education Program and the Virginia Commission's Tour Directory.

Jane Franklin Dance is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization under section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code EIN# 74-2179431.

"Jane Franklin's choreography is full of arresting visual pictures....tugging at the fabric of space and time"

Nick Green, *Washington City Paper*

Exquisite
found
moments.

-The Washington Post



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