



MISSION STATEMENT FOR INLAND NORTHWEST DANCE ASSOCIATION

The Inland Northwest Dance Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the art of dance in the Inland Northwest. Our members are dance instructors, studio owners, and dance educators from Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Canada. The following items are our published objectives as per our constitution filed with the state of Washington:

To unite those engaged in the teaching of dance in public and private schools or institutions and privately owned dance studios or dance schools with other persons interested in dance and the dance arts.

To strive for more knowledge and higher standards in the teaching of dance.

To promote knowledge, appreciation and performance of dance.

To develop broader community support, recognition and interest in dance.

To provide the leadership and the opportunities for making dance an important art form in the Inland Northwest.

To keep members informed of the latest developments in dance.

To assist talented dancers through scholarships, grants, workshops or other methods of assistance.

To solicit and receive funds, bequests and other gifts and donations for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

HISTORY OF INLAND NORTHWEST DANCE ASSOCIATION

Inland Northwest Dance Association first began operations in 1991 and became a non-profit 501(c)3 organization in 2003.

INDA has hosted receptions for dance companies that have come to perform in Spokane. INDA presented a Fall Dance Workshop in Spokane from 1991-2010 in which we flew in professional faculty to teach in their field of expertise and sponsored scholarships for tap, jazz, ethnic and modern. In conjunction with the Fall Workshop, INDA has brought five professional dance companies to Spokane: Clarita and the Arte Flamenco from Los Angeles, California (2001); Rainbow Dance Theatre from Monmouth, Oregon (2004 & 2008); Savage Jazz Dance Company from Oakland, California (2005); Body Vox from Portland, Oregon (2007); Ballet Gran Folklorico from Mexico City (2006).

In 2001, INDA presented a benefit show "Life of A Dancer" to raise funds for the Beijing Dancers killed and injured after performing in Spokane. INDA has also sponsored scholarships for ballet at Music Fest Northwest. Inland Northwest Dance Association, Inc. was issued a Certificate of Authority as a non-profit corporation in the state of Idaho in 2009.

In association with National Dance Week, INDA presents "DanceFest", a FREE festival that features all forms of dance. Established in 2005, with thousands of people in attendance, student and professional performances, classes, arts and crafts, a health fair, vendor booths, and an art gallery have all been a part of the event. It was the first time all forms of dance were represented under one roof at the same time. In conjunction with DanceFest, INDA hosted shows with An Dochas and Haran dancers from Rice, WA along with Oleaje Flamenco Company from Seattle (2010); and Katherine Kramer & Friends from NYC (2011).

Currently, INDA hosts master classes with touring Broadway shows with West Coast Entertainment. We provide group education and entertainment for special events and school activities such as Art on the Green, Millwood Daze, and ValleyFest. We hope you will join us in promoting the art of dance.

For more information regarding our organization, please call:

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