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All Bodies Dance Society

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exploring the artistic possibilities of differences



Between Us & Them, 2024. Photo by Carla Alcantara

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Reflections from Co-Founder/Artistic Director **Naomi Brand**



Rehearsal for *Between Us & Them*, June 2024. Photo by Luciana Freire D'Anunciação

It has been a year of celebration and growth at ABDP. We danced in studios, in parks, in theatres, and online this year. Through classes, workshops, rehearsals, performances, mentorship opportunities, and parties, we gathered people together to experience the life-giving power of dance. This work was led by an amazing group of colleagues, friends and collaborators: **Andrea Cownden, Rianne Švelnis, danielle wensley, Harmanie Rose, Kevin Jesuino, Lance Lim, Cheyenne Seary, Peggy Leung, Kevin Li, Janice Laurence, and Rachel Whitmore.**

A large focus of this season, was our December production *CONSTELLATIONS* that brought together over 35 artists, 6 choreographers, and 300 audience members in joy and community. It was wonderful to share our work with warm audiences at The Roundhouse Performance Centre.

This season we welcomed **Shanna Cheng** to our team in the role of Communications Manager. Shanna has helped to share our work through visual content and design and we are very lucky to have her!

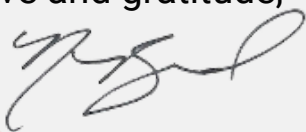
I was lucky to return to the studio this season to create a new work entitled *Between Us and Them* alongside our General Manager **Trang Trinh** as a collaborating composer. It was an immense highlight of the season to get to work with Trang as artists in addition to our typical partnership through grant writing, production planning, and administration. I am deeply grateful to Trang for her wisdom, support and leadership.

This year we (finally!) became a registered charity. We held our first official fundraising campaign and were very moved (pun intended) by the generosity of our community. It is a challenging time for public funding for the arts and so the support from donors is incredibly valuable and meaningful to us.

There are some exciting things to look forward to in our 2025/26 season. We are exploring new formats for sharing our work. Our fall 2025 exhibition at The Roundhouse entitled ***All Bodies Everywhere: an exhibition takeover of the Roundhouse*** and our collective archive writing project ***THIS IS WHAT WE KNOW NOW: Reflections on 10 Years of ABDP*** are both opportunities to reflect and celebrate what we have learned over the past decade. While our upcoming improvised performance research project, embodied filmmaking for seniors project, choreographic mentorship, and a co-learning study group for facilitators are all ways for us to keep learning, growing new skills, and expanding the possibilities of what dance can do and be.

It remains an immense honour to be a part of ABDP. In a turbulent world, this community is an antidote to despair, full of teachings about how to work together and uplift one another. I am deeply proud of us, the art that is made through this company, the learning we continue to do, and the joy that we generate by dancing together.

Love and gratitude,



Programming highlights

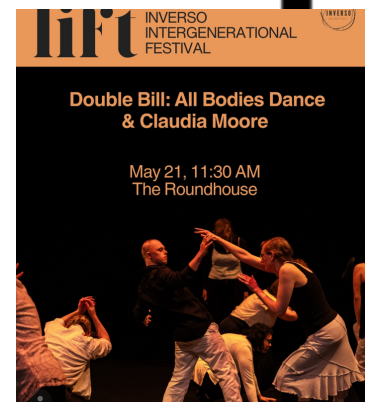
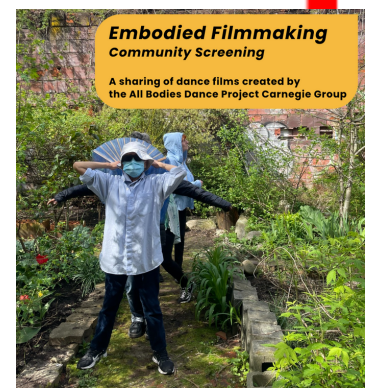
Community Classes (fall/winter/spring)



- Roundhouse Community Centre
- Ready Dance Youth Project
- Online with ConnecTra
- Trout Lake Community Centre
- Carnegie Community Centre

Special Projects, Workshops, and events

- Workshops at EVA BC conference, North Vancouver Recreation & Culture, UBC school of architecture, Douglas College, Fall 2024
- Pitch at Fall for Dance North (Toronto), Oct 2024
- SFU CERl research project and report by Kevin Jesuino, Fall 2024
- Online screening of *CONSTELLATIONS*, Dec 2024
- Online class series with CRIPSiE (Edmonton), winter 2025
- DancingWITH Teacher Exchange, paid mentorship, Jan-May 2025
- Screening of films from Embodied Filmmaking Project, April 2024
- Ready Dance community dance party for BC Youth week, May 2025
- Curated Exquisite Pressure with WhatLab, May 2025
- Documentary film shoot for Accessible Media Inc., Spring 2025
- Annual Community Picnic, July 2025



Performances

- *ReMarks* at Vines Art Festival, August 2024
- *Translations* at Fluid Festival (Calgary) with Inside Out Theatre, October 2024
- *Translations* at Dance in Vancouver, November 2024
- *CONSTELLATIONS*, December 2024
- *Between Us & Them* at LIFT Intergenerational festival, May 2025

Statistics At a glance

130+ Classes & Workshops

400+ Class Participants

30+ Artists Employed

900+ Audience Members



Financial Statement

Available upon request to info@allbodiesdance.ca

Board

Sarah Lapp-Bourne, Board Chair

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Leela Chinniah, Secretary

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Staff

Co-Founder/Artistic Director

Naomi Brand

General Manager

Trang Trinh

Communications Manager

Shanna Cheng

Community Class Facilitators / Assistants

Andrea Cownden, Kevin Jesuino, Janice Laurence,
Harmanie Rose, Rianne Švelnis, danielle wensley, Peggy
Leung, Cheyenne Seary, Lance Lim, Kevin Li

ABDP Co-founders

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