

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2023-2024

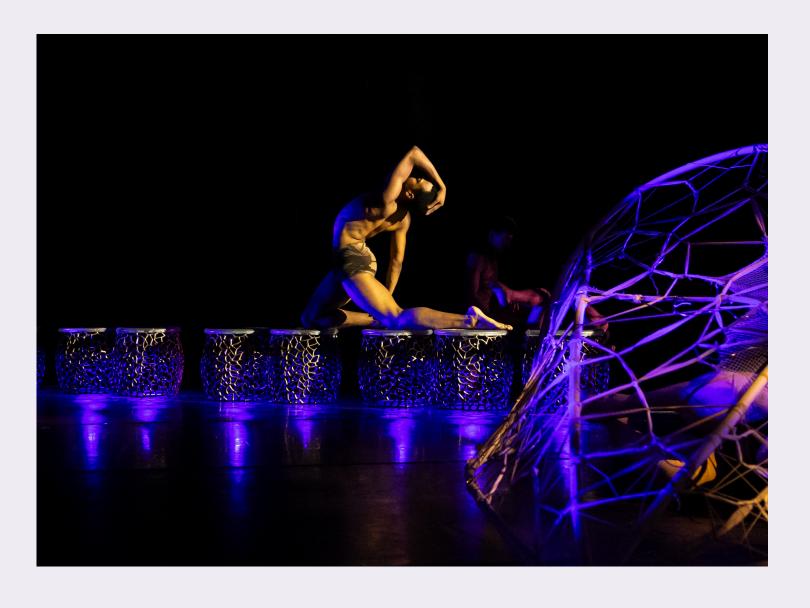


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From our Artistic/Executive Director

Amanda Selwyn Dance Theatre/Notes in Motion is rooted in our mission of offering access, nurturing community, and promoting individual expression and freedom. Our dance education programs in the NYC schools offer students tools to express themselves, engage with their peers, and gain a more well rounded school experience. Through sharing and providing access to this inclusive learning model, we are engaged in the critical work of breaking down barriers of systematic racism and oppression. We actively recruit diverse teaching artists, dancers, staff, and board to reflect, empower, and celebrate the diverse populations we serve. We are steadfast in our commitment to equity and change and driven to show up with vulnerability in an open dialogue with our schools, audiences, patrons, volunteers, and supporters. It is a privilege to share the joy of dance, offering students and audiences in-roads to discover inspiration, meaning, and joy. We continue into our third decade of dance-making, sharing, and educating with a dedication to foster equality, access, and opportunity to all.



Amanda Selwyn

This Season, we premiered the evening-length work *Habit Formed* at BMCC Tribeca Performing Arts Center. The piece exploreds how habits are created and broken in our lives. These habits can manifest strength, ease, and freedom and also create limits, boundaries, and affliction. The piece was set in a world of shifting physical structures (cages, netting, rocks) and lingered between the comfort of routine and the desire for change, as dancers broke away from established patterns and embarked on solo journeys of self-discovery. In *Habit Formed*, the ensemble moves from moments of synchrony to disruption, illustrating the tension between conformity, individuality, and the struggle for freedom from ingrained patterns. The piece traverses a spectrum of emotions associated with habits, from euphoria to restlessness to liberation. The ultimate journey of the work is a story of discernment, unpacking how we can be empowered by intentional habits and not impaired by them.

Organizational Mission

Amanda Selwyn Dance Theatre/Notes in Motion presents dynamic dance theatre productions that activate emotional expression. Through an interplay of athletic and articulate motion, we present theatrical and immediate works that engage audiences from start to finish and beckon a response of thought, feeling, and soul. Our education program, Notes in Motion, brings inclusive dance programs to the NYC Public Schools in styles including modern, ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, Latin, African, and more. Programs are united by our singular approach to dance education, *The Movement Exchange Method*, which combines technical instruction with creative skill-building and collaborative learning. We aim to provide access to the art form of dance to inspire the next generation of dance appreciators.

A Year of Growth

In the last three years, we have grown from 25 dance education programs/20 school partners per year to 125 programs/60 school partners. In 2023-2024, Notes in Motion served 8,000 students delivering 3,000 program sessions in-school, after-school, and community events throughout NYC This year, Amanda Selwyn Dance Theatre was awarded a CUNY Dance Initiative Residency and our 24th Annual Performance Season *Habit Formed* was presented at BMCC Tribeca Performing Arts Center March 1-2, 2024. The premiere was followed by our season Gala *In Partnership* where we honored longtime video collaborator, Zachary Ludescher and the Principal from one of our strongest school partnerships, PS 126 Bronx's Luis Quan. We previewed the piece at an Open Rehearsal at Gibney, in New Paltz at *Dance on the Pond*, in East Hampton for *Green Afternoon*, and at 8 of our school partners as Notes in Motion Community Programs. As we gear up for our 25th anniversary, we are deepening our multi-generational community programs, expanding our City Council and school partners, planning an international tour to Tarbes, France, and continuing to expand the accessibility and inclusivity of all of our programming. With 45 Company Teaching Artists working throughout the year, we reached the 220,000 students reached mark. We completed the year with a huge milestone — in August 2024, we signed a lease for our own studio space in Tribeca and have set the stage for a new era for the organization.





More importantly, Randolph wealts to make aure shall stranding out from the rown culture to find turse hard reflect the general sets featuring. For instance, shall necently been loading inflored sidesse in New York (Xi) public schools through choreographic Americal Selviny Discos Thesisten/Nacies in Motion, New York (Xi) public schools through choreographic Americal Selviny Discos Thesisten/Nacies in Motion, so the searches specifically for Afform safetis to play. "Ill he highling Afform and state Decause them subdents want to go and look them up", the explains. "I feel like that's really important to lead students! be more "napilative shout entitle."

The music Randoph chooses for K-12 students is also somewhat different from what she'd play at a praised actions student. When I usude to teach as a studio, I usual clock for music that the drings and stiffers and different accords, "she says, adding that she'd look for tracks with layers that would help her teach the students law to light the music." All the doubles. Like it had been been student to look and the students who it had been down to see that the students have to layed the doubles. Like the doubles who make a student should be a student to accord the bear and move with their whole bodies, so she gravitates to upboar songs with strong, doer muscal dynamics.



That down't mean she syrone musically, though. She might instruct her students to focus on one particular instrument at a rine, or closely than to a certain acceptant in the right." It shall help she young students in indedignation through thit grads to take no to something: "the explaine. Other times, Rendockin right have them close out of manyim, seen put that right mice particular body put, like the shoulders or the cape. Or left a lask them to by to clames the "opposite" of the rhythm. "Usually! get nurring pround or just thelese," the section, while laugh.

Music sin't only reserved for dancing in the classroom, though, if she sees students are getting overtimisated at my point, the't It am to a discisced mediation plijets the's media, and choose as of that will help the room calm down with a mid-class meditation moment. Other times, she'll set a welcoming tole before class with a popular, up-tempo song that the kids know in order to provide something families, to that durince class schemi feel intelligent.

And when it's time to clance, she turns on something upbeat that makes her students want to move, always pick something that makes the kids feel energized," she says. "This is their time to dance in schools"



Go-To Songs for Class

DenceTeacher+. They span from social single for Afrobeats classes to rhythmic music she likes for contemporary. But all are kid-friendly, often largely instrumental, and any that do have lyrics focus or positive messages.



Follow the Leader, by The Hitters

"This is my best warm-up song for young kids because it has instructions in it, like hands up, down, a then move left to right. And I've incorporated isolations into that instead of just obing a march. I can acknowledge the popularity of the song, but also put in some core values of Afrobeats, which is emphasis or isolating a body part to a beat and disncing within your community."

"Asew," by Bisa Kdei and Mic Flammez

"There's not a lot of fyicts to this song, it's more instrumental, which is good for working in schools because comediates there's a lot of equilibityrior or a reassage that you don't went. Luse this a lot for my Afrobests classes; I like that it's very clearly an African song, it's got a consistent best, but there are also notable breaks in the music—Those are always good times to change up the choeography. And it's always a bit in the lossues the best is sub contadious and napor."

It Runs Through Me" and "Disco Yes," by Tom Misch

"I love Torn Misch's stuff because, first of all, there's no curse words that I have to blur out. He also us lovely rhythms. His music atmost puls on Anobeat culture and Black culture the way that there's a constant drum line through it. It's bright, but also calm."

Diversity, Equity, Access & Inclusion

At Amanda Selwyn Dance Theatre/Notes in Motion, Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion is a direct reflection of our values and the work we do creatively, artistically and in the communities we serve. We aim to be thoughtful, transparent and intentional at creating a more inclusive organization. Through tracking data/metrics, seeking out ongoing community training, and fostering engagement within the diverse constituencies in the organization, we wish to lead the way towards positive change at this critical time in our culture. We are committed to advancing, cultivating and preserving a culture of diversity, inclusion and belonging; it makes us a stronger, more impactful organization and it directly aligns with our mission to inspire, magnify humanity, and engage community through dance.

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2023-2024: a year of dance making, sharing, and educating...

Over 9,290 students served

3,477
Dance Classes

62
Teaching Artists

71 Public Schools

34

Community Events

120 Distinctive Programs

18% Multi-Language Learners



21%
Students with
Disabilities



25Countries represented by artist, staff and board

African Dance, Ballet, Capoeria, Hip Hop, Jazz Latin Dance, Indian Dance, Modern, Musical Theatre, Tap, Yoga

95 Artists Employed



4 Professional Development Workshops



Amanda Selwyn Dance Theatre Performances



1Feature in
Dance Teacher+

24
Years of
Creating Dance

Master Class at Tribeca Performing Arts Center



Notes in otion

2023-2024 School Partners



Manhattan

PS 63 STAR Academy, PS 333, British International School of New York, East Village Community School, Manhattan Center for Science and Math High School, The Earth School, The Neighborhood Earth School, The Urban Assembly School for the Performing Arts





The Bronx

PS 18, PS 41, PS 53, PS 78, PS 83, PS 126, PS 310 Marble Hill School, Bronx Career & College Preparatory High School, PS Collegiate Institute for Math and Science





PS 2, PS 46, PS 63, PS 89, PS 177, PS 182, PS 186, PS 199, PS 211, PS 223, PS 376, PS 330, PS 499, Cambria Heights Academy, The Children's Lab School, Flushing International High School, Rockaway Park High School for Environmental Sustainability, The Magnet School of Global Studies and Leadership, Young Women's Leadership School





Brooklyn

PS 44, MS 51, PS 11, PS 114, PS 124, PS 135, PS 152, PS 153, PS 219, PS 208, PS 233, PS 235, PS 244, PS 274, PS 276, PS 279, PS 315, MS 484, MS 890, Bushwick Leaders' High School, Brooklyn Community School for Excellence and Equity, Brooklyn Independent Middle School, Cypress Hills Collegiate Prep., Frederick Douglass Academy VII High School, Liberty Avenue Middle School, Multicultural High School, Vista Academy





Staten Island
PS 26, IS 49

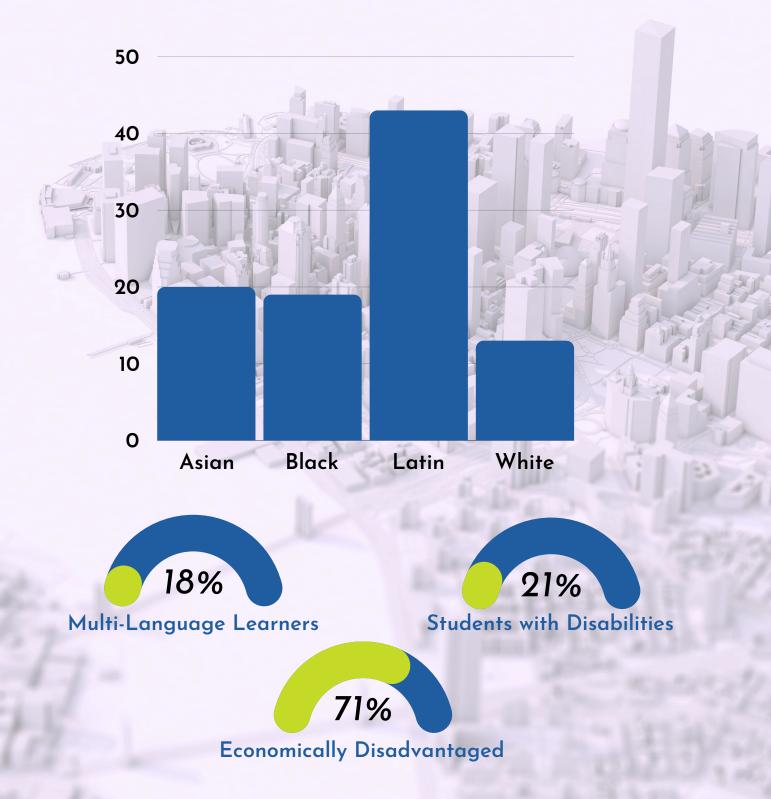


58,648

223,651

2023-2024 Students Served

2000-2024 Students Served



Notes in Stion Student Reflections

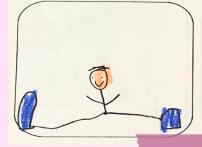
"I loved the new experience. It really helped me break out of my comfort zone. The dances were fun to learn and enjoyable. When learning the Chorus Line and all the Jazz, I wasn't exactly confident about myself, but as time come by, I started to become more"

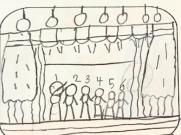
- PS 78 Bronx, Student

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What are your favorite things you learned in dance class?





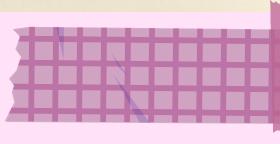


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When you dance, how do you feel?

When you dance, how do you feel? Write or draw your feelings:
when I dance, I teel calm and relaxed. automatically begin inhaling and exhaling
slowly, making me feel full of energy, yet still calm,







Please share three words to describe what dance means to you:

~ Embracing Art

~ Letting yourself to be free

Being flexible with music and culture

Notes in John Classroom Feacher Reflections

"Our students have expressed that their dance classes are therapy for them!" - Cambria Heights Academy Queens, Classroom Teacher

Students learned about Bollywood dance and the culture it originated from. This had great impact on reaching our goal to expand students' knowledge and appreciation of cultures around the world and their customs. Students were also able to expand their listening, attention, and kinesthetic skills. - PS 63 Queens, Arts Teacher



We've recently become a Magnet School for Engineering and Design. This dance experience has helped merge/connect the concepts of engineering and design. Choreography is about breaking a dance down into the basic elements, like the shapes you make with your body, the spaces you occupy as you move about the stage, and the timing—rhythmic or not—of your movements. Our students learned to build and design through to create meaning through dance. - PS 44 Brooklyn, Assistant Principal



The students experiences in dance fostered a sense of community within our participating students. Notes in Motion helped them to work on skills that are necessary for learning successfully in all subject areas. Some of these skills include: collaboration. creativity. communication. expanding their cultural awareness and building character.

- PS 114 Brooklyn. Classroom Teacher

"My students really enjoyed the dance program and were extremely excited to perform. Ms. Julia was patient, and kind. As a Special Education teacher, I was thoroughly impressed with the experience she had with different kind of learners. They learned how to better collaborate. Learn routines and patterns. Incorporate and remember new ideas." - PS 41 Bronx, Classroom Teacher

Notes in John Family Reflections

Please describe something you learned or a memorable moment from Notes in Motion's Community Program.

The numerousle no next for my husband and I was the connection of school community through dance



Notes in Notion's Dance program had a very emotional/outstanding grawth in my daughter's daily activities. She has become more active, playful, and very interactive of other people

The impact that Notes in Motion programs have had on my child is magical. My child is less shy to interact, dance, perform, and sing in front of crowds. She is absorbing it all like a sponge and enjoying every minute of it. - PS 376 Queens, Parent

Thank you for the opportunity to dance during the school day. NIM dance classes are not only physical activity but they help kids to be more confident, improve their emotional state, and improve relationships between children." - PS 152 Brooklyn, Parent

3. Please describe the impact/personal growth that Notes in Motion's Dance program had on your child:

social emotional growth physical awareness / spatial awareness more Stexible.

The Notes in Motion dance program has turned our living room into a dance studio. Our daughter showed so much excitement for this program and it has given her one more thing to look forward to. I definately recommend this program continue for many years to come."

- PS 63 STAR Academy Manhattan. Parent



2023-2024 Season | Community Performances & Events



A Night for Our Future September 22, 2023 | One Art Space, NYC

Dance on the Pond September 30, 2023 | New Paltz, NY

Community Performance
February 1, 2024 | Cypress Hills Collegiate Prep. Brooklyn

Choreography Workshop: Motifs & Structures
February 21, 2024 | Tribeca Performing Arts Center, NYC

Habit Formed World Premiere March 1-2, 2024 | Tribeca Performing Arts Center, NYC

> *In Partnership* | 24th Season Gala March 2, 2024 | Smyth Tavern, NYC

Latin, Bollywood, & Caribbean Dance Around the World May 8, 2024 | PS 63 Queens

Afro-Beats, Hip-Hop, & Latin Around the World May 9, 2024 | Bushwick Leaders Brooklyn

American Line Dance & K-Pop Around the World May 10, 2024 | PS 376 Queens

Asian-Pacific Month Dance Celebration May 14, 2024 | Cypress Hills Collegiate Prep. Brooklyn

Amanda Selwyn Dance Performance & Fitness Workshop May 17, 2024 | PS 200 Queens

Afro-Caribbean, Contemporary, & Latin Around the World May 19, 2024 | PS 333 Manhattan

> African, Latin, & Modern Dance May 22, 2024 | PS 315 Brooklyn

Dance Therapy Workshop May 23, 2024 | Cambria Heights Academy Queens

K-Pop, Latin, & West African Dance Around the World May 29, 2024 | PS 46 Queens

> *African Dance Workshop* June 5, 2024 | PS 124 Brooklyn

African, Indian & Latin Dance Around the World June 11, 2024 | PS 199 Queens

An Improvisation with Strings
June 13, 2024 | Cypress Hills Collegiate Prep. Brooklyn

Father's Day Rodeo Line Dance Fun!
June 14, 2024 | PS 177 & District 75 PreK Queens

Amanda Selwyn Dance Theatre Performance + Q&A June 22, 2024 | PS 182 Queens

> Green Afternoon XI July 13, 2024 | East Hampton, NY

























"Selwyn has managed to produce sincere, personal works year after year for two decades—no small feat."

— The New Yorker

"Choreographically Amanda's point of departure is not an image or a gesture, but a theatrical imperative felt in her insistence on expression." — Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival's Pillow Pages

"Amanda Selwyn is a master at illustrating the symbiosis of sound and movement, the romance of motion and emotion – she had me laughing, crying, cringing and gasping all in the short 55-minute production."

— Inside New York

Select Repertory Works:

Habit Formed (2024) | Threads (2022) | Hindsight (2020) | Crossroads (2019) | Refuge (2017) | Renewal (2015) It's a Game (2013) | Detour (2012) | Five Minutes (2011) | Passage (2010) | Undercurrent (2009)

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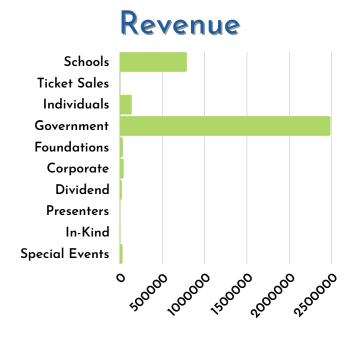
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Financial Snapshot Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Program

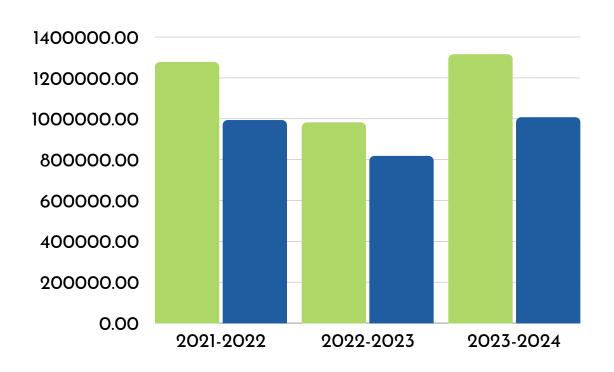
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Expenses

Total Revenue \$1,315,040.50

Total Expenses \$1,007,627.24



2023-2024 Supporters

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Anonymous

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Anonymous

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25th Anniversary Performance Season

1st Annual Golf Outing

Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield, NJ September 9, 2024

Open Rehearsal

Amanda Selwyn Dance Studio, NYC Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Holíday Performance

Amanda Selwyn Dance Studio, NYC Thursday, December 12, 2024

Studio Grand Opening

Amanda Selwyn Dance Studio, NYC January 2025

Designer Exhibition & Panel

Amanda Selwyn Dance Studio, NYC Thursday, February 6, 2025

Alumní Event

Amanda Selwyn Dance Studio, NYC Saturday, April 26, 2025

25th Annual Performance Season | Awaken World Premiere

New York Live Arts, Thursday-Saturday, May 8-10 2025







