



Forward Motion Dance Company, Inc., is a Wilmington, NC, based non-profit 501(c)(3) dance organization whose mission is to provide local and regional communities with quality modern contemporary dance and education in the art of dance, as well as enhance the local arts community by providing performance opportunities for area dancers and performance artists.

Forward Motion Dance Company has a vision to find innovative ways to bring dance to the community, and cultivate an understanding and love of this art form. The company was founded by dancer and choreographer Tracey Varga in 2001 and incorporated in 2004, although Tracey has been dancing and choreographing in Wilmington since relocating from Seattle in 1996. Forward Motion Dance sponsors and co-sponsors public arts performances such as *Cape Fear Arts in Motion* and *Arts Sensation!*, and offers education for schools and community organizations including the Snipes Academy of Arts and Design, Wilmington School of Ballet, DREAMS of Wilmington, The Dance Element, The Dance Cooperative, and the YWCA Lower Cape Fear.

Forward Motion Dance Company is a volunteer organization, and wishes to thank all those who donate their valuable time for rehearsal, performance, production, collaboration and fundraising efforts. The Board of Directors is Mary Scott Bethune, Diane Evers, Hannah Funderburke, Stella Johnson, Mary Smith, Becky Spivey, Susan Turner, Elizabeth White, and Company Choreographer and Director Tracey Varga. Company Dancers are Kara Abbott, Savannah Brooks, Katie Crosby, Nicole Dalier, Leslie Nifoussi, Becky Spivey, and Susan Turner. If you are interested in volunteering, sponsorship, or an opportunity to become a board member, please speak to any member of the company or board.

Forward Motion Dance Company honors the support received from the community, including our generous sponsors and grants received over the years from the New Hanover Community Endowment, the Arts Council of Wilmington and New Hanover County, the North Carolina Arts Council, Women's Impact Network of New Hanover County, NC Cares for the Arts, the American Rescue Plan for the Arts, and the Landfall Foundation; all to continue our mission to provide collaborative, contemporary dance performances in local venues which highlight the talents of Choreographer Tracey Varga and many wonderful dancers, musicians, and visual and vocal artists.



Events

2023

- February 26 Sunset Cocktail Party, Fundraiser, The Penthouse
- April 21 19th Annual Arts Sensation! Variety Showcase of Music and Dance at Thalian Hall, A Benefit for The Good Shepherd Center
- August 27 Cameron Art Museum, Performance
- September 21-22 Cape Fear Arts in Motion, Thalian Hall, Forward Motion Dance Company Annual Performance

2024

- March 24 Sunset Cocktail Party, Fundraiser, The Penthouse
- April 12 Wilmington Dance Festival, Kenan Auditorium, Performance
- April 26 20th Annual Arts Sensation! Variety Showcase of Music and Dance at Thalian Hall, A Benefit for Plastic Ocean Project
- August 25 Cameron Art Museum, Performance
- September 6 Enchanting Evening on Edgewater, Fundraiser
- September 19-20 Cape Fear Arts in Motion, Thalian Hall, Forward Motion Dance Company Annual Performance

2025

- February 23 Sunset Cocktail Party, Fundraiser, The Penthouse
- April 12 Wilmington Dance Festival, Kenan Auditorium, Performance
- April 18 21st Annual Arts Sensation! Variety Showcase of Music and Dance at Thalian Hall
- August 10 Sunset Cocktail Party, Fundraiser, The Penthouse
- August 24 Cameron Art Museum, Performance
- September 18-19 Cape Fear Arts in Motion, Thalian Hall, Forward Motion Dance Company Annual Performance
- November 20 Dance-a-lorus, Thalian Hall Main Stage, Performance

2026

- February 22 FUN*raiser for Forward Motion Dance Company, The Underfront Company
- April 3 22nd Arts Sensation! Variety Showcase of Music and Dance and Benefit for Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts
- April 18 Wilmington Dance Festival, Kenan Auditorium, Performance
- August 30 Cameron Art Museum, Performance
- September 17-18 Cape Fear Arts in Motion, Thalian Hall, Forward Motion Dance Company Annual Performance



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