

Press Release for 2011-2012

LUTSF has pleasure in announcing 19 travel scholarships for 2011/12. The projects selected highlight the policy of the Fund to support a diverse range of journeys and to assist individuals at different stages in their careers to travel to enrich their practice and pursue a personal passion.

Lisa Ullmann, in whose memory the Fund was established in 1986, was an inspiration to those who knew her or who came into contact with her work. A distinguished teacher, she travelled worldwide to teach others. It is in memory of her vivacity, passion and energy that the committee continues her work by selecting movement and dance practitioners to further or celebrate their own practice by making a journey. Since giving its first awards in 1987 LUTSF has provided 430 travel scholarships to help people to pursue an extraordinarily wide range of projects.

Over the years LUTSF awards have totalled just less than £200,000. The number of applications this year was just over 50% higher than in 2010. The calibre of the 91 applications (85 of which were eligible) remained high and the process of selection continued to be extremely competitive. There were applications from a wide range of age groups, the average age of applicants being 33; this year there were many more applications from female (79) compared with male (12) dancers. The Management Committee found this a concern since the comparative number of applications from male dancers had improved in recent years.

LUTSF projects for 2011/12 include (full list available on the website)

- London to New York to study movement work with sufferers of Parkinson's disease;
- London to Germany to take part in an international research lab on digital devices in performance;
- N. Ireland to South Africa to take part in a large scale community dance project;
- Somerset to India to work in a primary education centre for underprivileged children;
- Berkshire to Sydney to take part in a six week intensive with a professional dance company;
- Brighton to Edinburgh to study Bartenieff's principles of movement;
- London to California to study with Anna Halprin.

A total of £10,377 has been awarded to the 19 winners. Of the 19, 8 are under 30, and 9 are between 31 and 50, with 2 over 50. There are 2 male awardees and 17 female. Geographical spread is reasonable with 9 awardees coming from London, 4 from the north, 1 from the south-west, 3 from the south, 1 from Wales and 1 from Northern Ireland. This year Scotland and the Midlands are not represented.

LUTSF gratefully acknowledges the support of Gillian Lynne, CBE, the late Annie Collins and the late Vivien Gear as well as many individual donors. The Management Committee of the Fund would like to congratulate scholarship winners, and is delighted that LUTSF is able to make possible so many exciting projects. The LUTSF website carries reports from all scholarship winners since 2002, and these reports give some insight into the value of the experiences gained from these travel awards.

Donations (one-off gifts, covenants, or bequests) to make it possible for LUTSF to continue its work are gratefully received and should be sent to: The Treasurer (LUTSF) at the address below. The LUTSF FRIENDS SCHEME is now up and running. Find out more and get an application form from the

website or from the postal address below. Information and guidelines for applicants are available online. Application Forms can be obtained from the website from 1st September and must be submitted to arrive by 25th January.

No late applications are considered.

Forms can also be obtained on receipt of an A5 SAE (1st class stamp) from:

The Secretary (LUTSF), Breach, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon EX13 7ST