

LISA ULLMANN TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Supporting individual journeys in movement and dance

Annual Report

1st April 2012 - 31st March 2013

Constitution	Unincorporated Association
Governing Document	Trust Deed dated 27th July 1987
Registered Charity No.	297684
Trustees	Anna Carlisle, MA MBE Alysoun Tomkins MA Judith Chapman PhD B.J. Lewis PhD
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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2013

Applications received:	62 eligibles/15 ineligible
Scholarships awarded:	18
Total sum applied for:	£41,459
Budget for 2012-2013	£12,000
Sum allocated	£12,210

Assigned awards::

Gillian Lynne - Miss Lynne has been indisposed and unable to assign her awards this year.

Vivien Gear Memorial Scholarship was assigned to Thomas Davies

The projects funded highlight the policy of LUTSF 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. The calibre of the 62 eligible applicants was of an excellent standard again this year and the process of selection continued to be competitive. This year the budget was set at £12,000. The number of awards returned to the more usual level of 18 compared with 24 in 2012.

Immediately on hearing of their awards, two scholarship winners withdrew on account of changes in their professional and personal circumstances. As a result, the officers, with the agreement of the rest of the committee, decided to offer an award to a very strong applicant who had narrowly missed selection. The total number of scholarship winners in March 2013 was therefore 17, with awards totalling £11,810.

Applications were received from a wide range of age groups, covering a spread from 22 - 51 years, with the highest percentage (just over half) of applicants in the 30 years and under category. Although applications from male dancers this year numbered 10, only two were awarded scholarships. The geographical spread was good, although there were no applicants from Ireland.

The successful applications included a range of movement specialisms and dance styles:- percussive step dance forms native to Nova Scotia, performance art and performance science, choreography, aerial dance, dance film, dance medicine and science, break dance, community dance, puppetry and American flat-footing and clogging styles.

Projects and destinations include:- (full list available on the website)

London to Tokyo to undertake research in contemporary dance to further understand the Japanese approach to performance and develop choreographic skills

Plymouth to California to attend a Dance Company Integrated Summer School to learn more about developing technique for inclusive classes to physically challenge all participants.

Birmingham to Vienna to attend the International Symposium on Dance Science to develop work as a practitioner and researcher in dance science and understanding of psychological techniques.

Newport, Gwent to Slovakia to attend 'Catch the Flavour Breakdance Summer School' taught by four pioneers of breakdance.

Edinburgh to Buenos Aires to study advanced aerial skills.

Leeds to New York to work with performance artist, Lindsey Drury and perform at the Brooklyn International Performance Arts Festival.

LUTSF gratefully acknowledges the support of the late Vivien Gear as well as many individual donors. The Management Committee would like to congratulate scholarship winners and is delighted that the Fund is able to make so many exciting projects possible.

ADMINISTRATION OF AWARDS

Tickets continue to be purchased by LUTSF on behalf of scholarship winners through Key Travel, the company which deals solely with charities.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Further clarification of selection criteria has been analysed, discussed and put into place. In addition, 'guidelines for completing the application form' have been drawn up and posted on the website. The number of applications received in 2013 was consistent with last year, with many applications arriving in the four days prior to the closing date. The feasibility of online applications has been addressed and careful planning is underway to implement the move for 2015. Paper applications will continue for the 2013/14 scholarship selection procedures.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS REPORTS

Scholarship winners are contacted by the Secretary on their return from their travels to welcome them back and to remind them that a report of their project is required within two months. In general, reports are received on time and all reports are posted on our website as they are received.

PUBLICITY

The website continues to be the major source of LUTSF publicity. It provides access to information about the Fund, lists and analyses of scholarships awarded over the years and advice to applicants. Reports by scholarship winners are published on the website and are a valuable source of information for potential applicants, donors and others.

The re-design and updating of our website has been completed with the inclusion of a greater range of photographs recording key experiences of the journeys and projects undertaken by our scholarship winners.

Two main Press releases are sent out each year, one in April announcing the names of the scholarship winners for that year, a second in the autumn announcing that the Application Form is available on the website and publishing the closing date for the applications. In January, a reminder of the closing date is circulated. Work has recently been undertaken to revise, update and expand our contact lists.

FINANCES

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013 show that our income was higher than expected and our expenditure slightly lower. The result was a deficit of £5,860 rather than just under £8,000 which was anticipated. Committee members have borne much of the administrative costs themselves, resulting in lower than anticipated administrative costs. As usual, there were some withdrawals from amongst the scholarship winners and also the cost of some tickets obtained for us by our travel agent was less than anticipated. At the end of the financial year we had a total of £71,373 in our various bank accounts.

THE FINANCE AND FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

A review of this sub-committee resulted in a temporary proposal for re-naming this committee - 'Friends and Fundraising'. However, ongoing revision and updating of their Brief has resulted in a decision that it now be called the "Communications Committee". The IT expert is to join this committee and the group will be responsible for producing the autumn e-news and newsletter, updating the website and will hold and maintain all contact lists for the Fund.

The annual e-news and printed newsletter, highlighting a range of scholarship winners, news of new Patrons, changes in the personnel of the Fund and items of interest to LUTSF supporters, continues to be successfully published and sent out to donors, Friends and scholarship winners.

Anna Carlisle Chair LUTSF
December, 2013

LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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