



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

Annual Report

1st April 2014 - 31st March 2015

Constitution	Unincorporated Association
Governing Document	Trust Deed dated 27th July 1987
Registered Charity No.	297684
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We are pleased to announce the continuing support of our Patrons. Dame Beryl Grey DBE, Robert Cohan, CBE, Gillian Lynne, CBE, Akram Khan MBE, Wayne McGregor CBE, and Dame Joan Plowright DBE.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2015

Applications received:	66 eligibles: 5 ineligibles
Scholarships awarded:	21
Total sum applied for:	£46,125
Budget for 2014-2015	£11,000
Sum allocated	£12,502

Assigned awards:

Vivien Gear Memorial Scholarship was assigned to Katie Keeble

The projects selected for scholarships 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 66 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 £11,000. The number of awards 21, exceeded the previous year - 2013-2014 - by 3.

Two scholarship winners withdrew on account of changes in their professional and personal circumstances. The total number of awards accepted for 2015 was therefore 19. The awards total for this year was £11,070.

Applications were received from a wide range of age groups, covering a spread from 18 - 56 years. There was a 54%/43% split between applicants under 30 years and applicants over 30 years respectively. Of the 66 applicants, 57 were female and 9 male. Of the 9 males, 6 were awarded scholarships. Given the high number of female award winners - 15 - it was disappointing that 2 of the 6 male awardees had to withdraw. The geographical spread across the UK was good though there were no applicants from Ireland this year. (See tables of analysis.)

The successful applications included a range of movement specialisms and dance styles:- choreographic and academic research, dance film, performance technique, aerial dance, community dance, technique and creative work for wheelchair dancers, somatic study, advanced tai chi and Kathak dance.

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

London to Ghent USA to take part in a three week choreographic exchange at the OMI International Dance Collective.

Grasmere to Beijing to undertake advanced Tai Chi training and research in classic Chinese poetry forms.

Suffolk to San Francisco to participate in the Axis Dance summer school to develop choreographic and performance techniques.

Brighton to Vancouver to engage in peer exchange and training in aerial dance and rigging techniques for performance in natural landscapes.

London to Ahmedabad, India, for research and specialist training in Kathak dance and choreographic methods.

London to New Zealand to perform a solo show and develop relationships with artists and arts festivals for future work.

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

Selection criteria were reviewed and clarifications made. Eligibility criteria, (revised in 2012/2013) were thought to be clear. Terms and conditions of accepting an award were added to the website and to the Chair's letter offering a scholarship.

The number of applications received in 2015 was consistent with last year, with many applications arriving in the week prior to the closing date. The feasibility of online applications was carefully addressed and on-line applications were set up for the 2015/2016 Scholarship awards. The option of paper applications was offered.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS REPORTS

Scholarship winners are contacted by the Reports Secretary on 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.

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 late summer/early autumn announcing that the online Application Form is available on the website from the 2nd November and publishing the closing date for the applications. In January, a reminder of the closing date is circulated. Work has been undertaken to revise, update and expand our contact lists.

FINANCES

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 show that our income was lower than expenditure. (Income for 2013/2014 was boosted by two unexpected legacies totalling £7,000.) Expenditure was modest: £6,225, compared to last year, which included costs of work to the website to facilitate online applications. The resulting deficit for the year was £4,642. At the end of the financial year we had a total of £61,503 in our various bank accounts.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Members of this group have responsibility for producing both the Autumn and Spring e-news and printed newsletters (for individuals who are donors/friends who do not use computers). The Autumn e-news highlights a range of scholarship winners, changes in the personnel of the Fund and items of interest to LUTSF supporters. This is distributed to patrons, donors, friends and scholarship winners.

The Spring newsletter, 'Where are they Now', highlights the career development of past award winners and the impact the LUTSF scholarship has had on the development of their work.

Anna Carlisle Chair LUTSF
November 2015

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