



MILE ZERO DANCE 2021/22 SEASON 36 SITE LINES

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Mile Zero Dance (MZD) is a thriving dance-based arts non-profit organization located in Edmonton. The company is devoted to the creation, training, and presentation of contemporary dance, and has produced a complete artistic season for seventeen years.

Since 1985, MZD has concurrently run dance education programming available to schools, and community organizations and inner-city schools. MZD has been growing and changing to meet community needs, while still focusing on dance and interdisciplinary activity. The company has two full-time employees, several part-time employees on contract, and also hires numerous artists, dancers and instructors on an ongoing project-to-project basis, with an annual operating budget of just under half a million dollars.

MZD's previous location *Spazio Performativo* received the Spirit of McCauley award for work in that community. MZD is a member of the CanDance Network of presenters, the Alberta Dance Alliance, and Theatre Alberta, Indigenous Performing Arts Association, and a signer of the 35/50 Initiative. Artistic Director Gerry Morita is a choreographer/dancer/instructor who was awarded one of Alberta's 25 Most Influential Artist Awards and brings to the company a collaborative, site-specific, and interdisciplinary perspective.



MISSION STATEMENT

Mile Zero Dance supports the creation, and engagement with contemporary dance through education, and the presentation of original, dynamic, interdisciplinary performances.

VISION STATEMENT

Through experimentation and risk taking, we aim to be a responsive centre for experiencing contemporary performance practices in our communities within Alberta and beyond.

CORE VALUES

Mile Zero Dance values the creative process including failure. We value innovation and seek to develop dance practices and dance audiences. We continually engage new collaborators from diverse performance communities and artistic traditions. We value paying artists for their work