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## **VCBYNUM ARTS & EDUCATION: CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

VCBynum Arts & Education is seeking new board members to support our current operations and long-term strategy. We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic people who are interested in helping a small but busy non-profit arts organization that strives for a more creative, equitable, and culturally connected community.

We are seeking board members with expertise in the following areas:

- Leadership and Collaboration
- Fundraising and Marketing
- Strategic and Creative Thinking
- Cultural Sensitivity and Inclusion
- Community Connection

### **About Us**

VCBynum Arts & Education is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching communities by curating innovative arts education programming and performances that empower youth and adults while fostering cultural awareness. We engage the community through the power of art, education, and stories that deepen our connection to African American culture as well as other cultures of the African diaspora. By nurturing diversity in the arts, we uplift the voices of ALL artists and initiate public support for challenging societal issues. Based in Bellevue, Washington, we believe that sharing cultures will build a stronger community.

Our programs provide dance classes and artistic workshops for children and adults on the Eastside and throughout King County, including hip-hop, ballet, contemporary, jazz, and more. Our in-house dance company, directed by Vania C. Bynum, performs lyrical and contemporary dance pieces at venues and events throughout the greater Seattle area. Finally, we host community events that help artists network and celebrate art in the Pacific Northwest. For more information, please visit [www.weinspirehumanity.org](http://www.weinspirehumanity.org).

### **Board Service**

Board members commit to making VCBynum Arts & Education one of their top volunteer commitments, so that you, other volunteers, and staff realize the benefits of your skills, experience, talents, and passion. Members are expected to:

- Serve for two to three years
- Attend at least two board meetings each year, including the board retreat.
- Attend the Sawubona Festival, fundraisers, and at least one performance per year.
- Allow time for occasional weekend and evening availability.



### **Board Service - continued**

- Advance our mission by promoting our programs and volunteer opportunities, serving on a committee, and articulating our critical role in the King County arts community.
- Make an annual financial contribution and actively support our fundraising efforts.

### **Our commitment to you**

We want our board members to feel valued and recognized for their commitment to VCBynum Arts & Education as well as the artists and audiences we serve. Our commitment to you includes: encouraging your creativity and imagination; treating one another — our artists, audiences, students, and neighbors — with respect, integrity, civility, and transparency; and practicing gratitude for all that everyone contributes.

### **Current Board Members**

Ann G. Polite, Founder, Gaston Gear Designer Clothes  
Vernet Clemons Nettles, Ed. D, author, retired educator, speaker, and writing coach  
Laura A. Cook, Founder and CEO, Special Moments  
Danuelle Tucker, Middle school technology educator  
Brandon Bynum, Software Engineering Manager, Microsoft  
Tiffany Peters-Kirkland, Sr. Business Program Manager, Microsoft

### **A few of our partners and funders:**

4Culture  
ArtsFund  
ArtsWA  
Bellevue College Umoja Scholars  
City of Seattle Workforce Development  
Eastside Arts  
Seattle Center, Artists at the Center  
Seattle International Dance Festival, James Ray Residency and Touring Project  
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

For more information or to schedule an informational call, reach out to us at [inspire@vcbynumarts.org](mailto:inspire@vcbynumarts.org).