



(VC)BYNUM ARTS & EDUCATION

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As the founder of (VC)Bynum Arts and Education, I thank you for supporting our mission to further artistic, educational, and philanthropic pursuits that empower communities through art.

Because of grants and your generosity, we received over \$30,000 since 2020. These funds were used to support our non-profit, pay artists, and donate to organizations that serve our community (including Food is Love Seattle, Northwest Tap Connection's Shaina's Garden, Special Moments for Kids, and a local artist battling cancer). I genuinely believe that art heals our mind, body, and spirit.

In addition to our "Humanity" arts fundraiser, we have collaborated with the Bellevue Arts Commission, EastHUB, Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, Seattle Peace Chorus, and Dr. Mimms presents INC. to create productions that focus on communities of the African Diaspora. In November, we hosted an Afro-Brazilian and Modern Dance workshop, beginning of an intergenerational dance and arts series in Bellevue. In the coming months, we will also begin to offer Ballet and Jazz dance classes, providing more opportunities for dancers of color in our community.

With support from the Bellevue Arts Commission, Communities Rise, and 4Culture, we are moving into 2023 ready to further build our business structure and create new works for our upcoming "Humanity" arts fundraiser. Look for an announcement about the organization(s) we will sponsor.

Inspired by our community support, we continue to hire artists of color and produce art relevant to the community. Look for our online newsletter to learn about upcoming events.

If you would like to continue supporting our mission, you can make a tax free donation at www.weinspirehumanity.org/donate. We are excited for 2023 and we thank you for considering a gift to support the arts.

"Dance Is Life!!"

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