



A Statement from Island Moving Company

Island Moving Company has a long history of enriching the cultural fabric of our community. In solidarity with **#Black Lives Matter** and in response to our nation in crisis, we wanted to re-affirm our foundational values and commitment to you and our community.

IMC is **built on the belief** that creativity is an interactive and collaborative process **open to everyone**, and is put in practice through **inclusion and respect, discipline and emotional connection**. It can produce great art, but more importantly, **provides us all with a sense of connection and belonging**. -- AND that , as an art form and a life practice, dance is kinesthetic - it deeply engages **the heart, mind and soul** of individuals and **bridges divides among us**.

The Staff & Board of IMC are committed to **upholding the principles and values** that underpin our educational and performance programs -- now more than ever -- and pledge to continue to provide everyone in our community with on-going **access, dignity and respect**. We commit to **preserving the well-being and safety of all** our dancers, staff, students, patrons, and followers, and to raise up the sanctity of our classes, rehearsals and performances as a place to experience the **joy, harmony, mindfulness and state of peace** that dance provides, for our youngest students, and the most vulnerable among us.

IMC will continue to put our values into action to help **create a community that feels more alive, fulfilled, and connected to the arts and to each other**. It is our way forward.

"I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up."

—Rosa Parks