

**2014 NEWS
ANNUAL APPEAL
& MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE**

A great Flurry Festival, an expanded list of dances planned by our wonderful dance organizers, and two grant programs that helped other organizations provide traditional dance and music events all combined to make 2014 a year worth celebrating. Help us to continue our efforts by renewing your membership, joining as a new member and/or making a donation.



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The new dance floor in Rosenberg Hall worked perfectly at the 2014 Flurry and will be back again this year.
Lucy Schultz Photography

GRANTS PROVIDED BY THE YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE targeted two events this year. A family fun night at Elsmere Elementary in Delmar encouraged children and parents to celebrate traditional music and dance while supporting local musicians at the same time. Mission Accomplished, a youth-service agency, used DF YO! funds for their Dance-A-Thon and introduced participants to new dance types. We hope to see more

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We have a schedule packed with events for all ages and abilities February 13-15, 2015, and can't wait to see you there!



DF YO! applications and reach as many youth, and adults with disabilities, as possible. **PROGRAM COMMITTEE GRANTS** were given to the Friends of Grafton State Park's "Dance in the Park"

event and to two collaborative events co-sponsored by Albany Blues and Soul and Albany's African American Cultural Center. One dancer reported: "It was a truly inspirational experience combining several forms of art together and bridging the gap between dancers (primarily Caucasian in recent years) and the African-American culture which gave rise to the development of the lindy hop in the 20's and 30's. There were also many opportunities for poetry, speaking, and a sing-a-long on Sunday night."



Damon Stone (center) leads a workshop on solo jazz movements at Albany Blues & Soul event.
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For information on applications, visit our website.

IT'S OFFICIAL! After years of working through administrative mazes, we have completed our transition to an independent, tax-exempt non-profit organization and received IRS approval to change our official name from Hudson Mohawk Traditional Dancers to the "DanceFlurry Organization." This will make it easier for us to apply for funding and receive corporate support.

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It's Official, continued

We appreciate those of you who have provided matching employer contributions from Bank of America, GE, IBM, and Oracle in the past.

Please consider including the DanceFlurry Organization in your estate plans. We are very grateful to Tom Blecher, who made a donation in honor of his mother, Wilma Hockett. Ms. Hockett ran a Celtic-oriented concert series in the Boston area called "Music For Robin" in memory of her daughter, Robin Blecher, a music producer.



The DFO's Family Dance series received a grant of \$2,850 from **Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region**.

The funds will be used to bring in storytellers and song leaders for each dance, and will also allow us to offer free admission for all throughout the season. Dances run on the

second Sundays of November through April, and are specifically designed for children, parents, and other family members to engage in together.

IF YOU'VE ENJOYED ONE OF OUR DANCES DURING THE YEAR, it's due to the efforts of our organizers who work to plan and present a great variety of events. We thank them most heartily!

Adirondack Dance Weekend Laura Perrault, Dawn Knutson, Linda Wicks, Ann Thomas

Albany Contradances! Peter Stix

Albany First Friday Capital Swing Dance Heather & Mike Ibrahim, Jim & Candy Dolen

ALBX (Albany Lindy & Blues) June Bischoff, Lauren Keeley, Eddie Li, Jason Purificato, Casey Wolfe

Bennington Community Contra Dance Susan Beal, David Pearson, Susan Matsui, Avery Wood, Bill Sweeney, Lorna Cheriton

Buhrmaster Barn Contra Dance Jane Husson, Kathryn Wedderburn

Cajun/Zydeco Dance Series Ron and Marie Bruschi

Capital English Country Dancers Nancy Yule

Family Dance, Old Time Community Barn Dance Paul Rosenberg

Hubbard Hall Community Dance Fern Bradley, Bliss McIntosh, Robbie McIntosh, Gina Deibel

Rensselaer English Country Dance Don Bell, Diane Bell

Saratoga Contra Dance Rich Futyma

Saratoga Sunday Contra Party John Guay, David Jones

Saratoga Savoy Diamond Dance Dave Wolf, Audeliz Matias

Stockade Assembly Ann Thomas, Diane Bell

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE AND KEEP THINGS GOING!

Membership Information Form*

Join or donate using this form or at www.danceflurry.org

Memberships run the one calendar year : Jan. 1 to Dec. 31

Date _____ New Renewal Gift

Name:* _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip+4: _____ + _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

*If this is a gift membership, complete the form with recipient's information and add your name and contact information here:

I approve public recognition of my membership and/or donation Yes (We will assume "no" unless checked)

We Need Volunteers! I can help with : local dances
 general DFO activities outreach activities

Dance Interests

Contra English Swing

Tango Scottish Family

Ballroom Salsa Waltz

Square Dance International Scandinavian

Cajun/Zydeco Other: _____

Music Interests: _____

MEMBERSHIP

\$25 Individual \$45 Couple/Family

\$15 Limited Income Individual Supporter \$50

Partner \$500 Sponsor \$100

Patron (\$350) Hero(ine) \$1000 Other: \$ _____

I am requesting an employer match

Optional I would like a name tag
(We no longer use member cards)

DONATION ONLY:

\$ _____ General DFO fund \$ _____ Flurry Festival

\$ _____ DF YO! Project (DF Youth Outreach)

Please mail this form, along with your check payable to DanceFlurry Organization, to: **DanceFlurry Organization Membership, PO Box 448, Latham, NY, 12110-0448**