

# IMPACT REPORT 2025

**ZACCHO**  
DANCE THEATRE





# 45 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN ARTISTRY, ACCESS, IMPACT & LEADERSHIP

**Zaccho Dance Theatre's mission** is to advance the aerial arts and site-specific dance through arts education, youth programming, and the creation of innovative performance works that explore the history and the concept of place.

## Vision

As artists, educators, performers, and innovators, we explore new boundaries in dance and performance to inspire, educate, and serve our communities.

***“Once again Haigood and friends create art which addresses the historical erasure, relentless discrimination, and on-going marginalization of people of color in America, while leaving room for hope.”***

Jen Norris dance reviews (2024)

## Community Impact & Milestones

Founded in 1980 by Joanna Haigood, Zaccho is the oldest Black-run dance company in San Francisco.

**1989:** Haigood opened Zaccho Studio in BVHP and remains the only professional dance company in BVHP.

**1990:** Founded the Youth Performing Arts Program (YPAP), providing free arts education to 6,800 Bayview Hunters Point youth, ages 7-19.

**2014:** Founded the San Francisco Aerial Arts Festival- 6 festivals supported 330 artists.

**2021:** Launched two residency programs - Black Futures and Hip Hop Artist Residency & Training (HART) - which provide mentorship, critical financial support and other vital resources to local performing artists.

# ZACCHO DANCE THEATRE PROVOKES

## COMMUNICATION AND THOUGHT

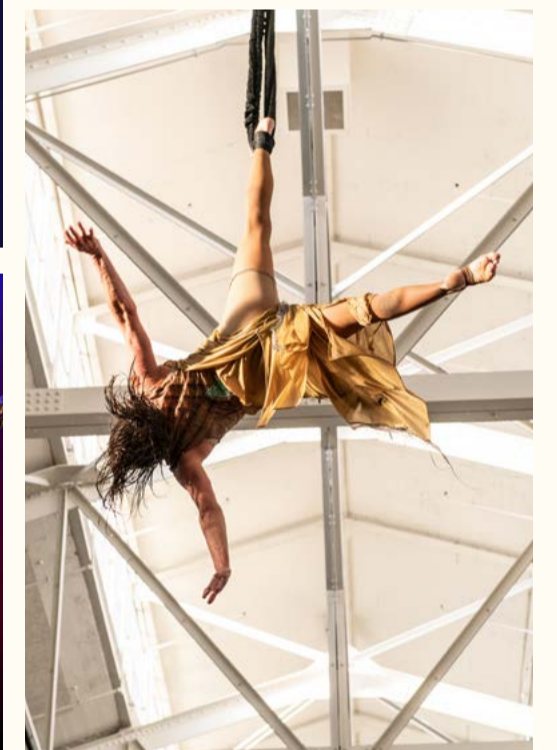
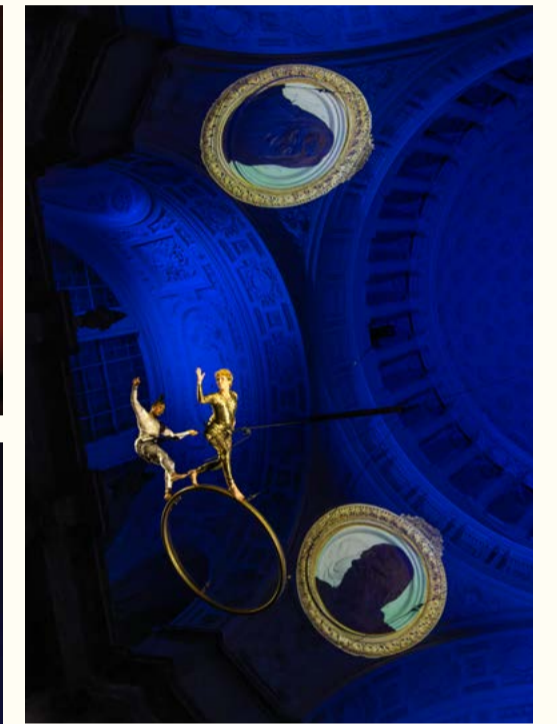
**Zaccho Dance Theatre (ZDT)** - Internationally-recognized dance company that transforms buildings and public spaces into thought-provoking works of art about American social histories and the Black American experience. ZDT inspires dialogue about social justice, equity, shared experiences and civic engagement and is seen by 5,000-7,000 people annually.

## COMMUNITY-MINDED PLATFORM *for artists to learn, train, be visible and thrive*

**Artist-in-Residence** programs support emerging and established artists at every stage of their career.

**San Francisco Aerial Arts Festival** is a biennial international art festival providing aerial artists with opportunities to showcase innovative performances and artistic excellence for 1000s of people.

**Youth Performing Arts Program (YPAP)** is where youth explore their potential through aerial dance, improvisation, physical training, and personal and collective research. Cultural education unleashes the power of our community's voices and shapes the creative mind.



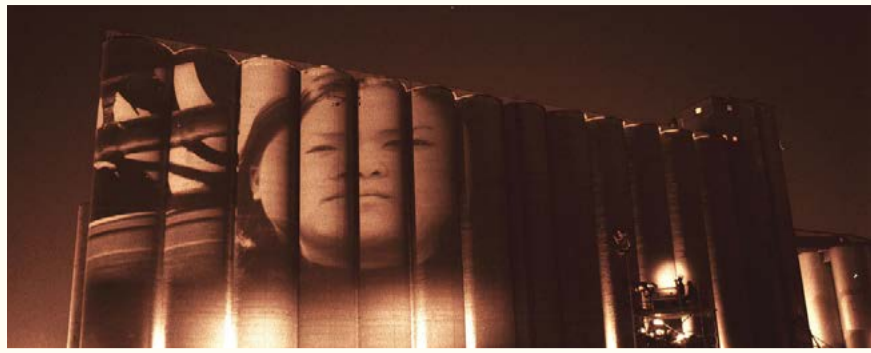


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Photo: John Kent

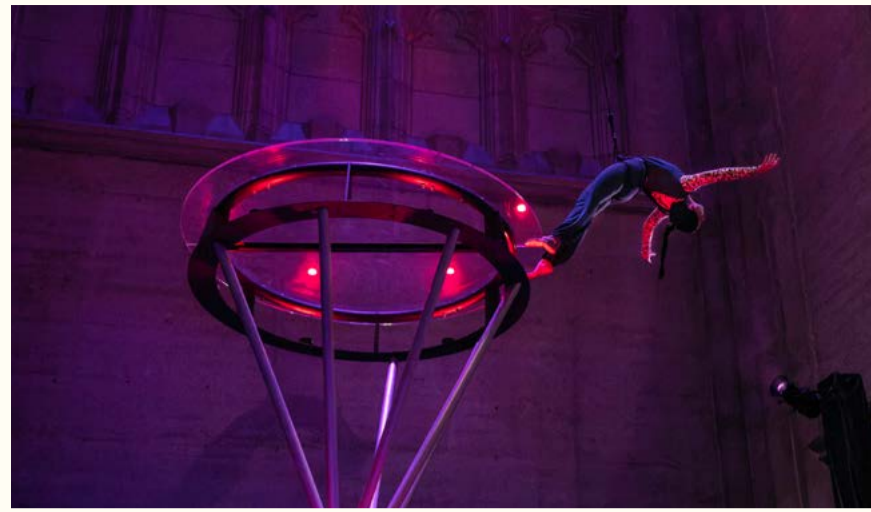


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## CALL TO ACTION:

### Partner with Zaccho

**Connect** - Contact [office@zaccho.org](mailto:office@zaccho.org)

**Contribute** - Individual Donations and Matching Grants

[<https://www.zaccho.org/?support>]

**Counsel** - Join the Board of Directors



Photo: Stephanie Prickett

## Strengthening Operations and Finance

### BUDGET SNAPSHOT:

FY24	995,727
FY23	762,044
FY22	922,247



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Photo: Walter Kitundu



Photo: John Kent



Photo: Kegan Marling



Photo: Piro Patton

## Zaccho's Funders

- William & Flora Hewlett Foundation
- Walter & Elise Haas Foundation
- San Francisco Arts Commission
- SF City & County: Office of Workforce Development
- Fleishhacker Foundation
- Grants for the Arts
- California Arts Council
- Zellerbach Family Fund
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Stulsaft Foundation
- Budding Artist Foundation
- Nicholson Foundation
- Kimball Foundation

# KUDOS

## The San Francisco Aerial Arts Festival since 2014:

“What an epic weekend!  
It was moving and beautiful!”  
~Stephanie Greenspan

“What an incredible display of creativity, expression and talent... The opening act with @shannygraymouse and live saxophone accompaniment by @matttakiff immediately let us know we were in for a great night!”  
~Michael Angelo



Photo: Austin Forbord

## Selected quotes from recent YPAP Educator Surveys:

## Youth Performing Arts Program since 1990:



“I love this program because the teachers are nice and my family was so happy to see me perform.”

“I like Zaccho because we can dance with friends.”

“It’s really fun coming to Zaccho, and I love to dance.”

“I learned more about dance as an art form, and how dancing can be therapeutic at times.”

“Zaccho introduces students to a variety of dance styles. This helps expand what the students consider ‘dancing’.”

“The impact of this year’s theme [Soul Music of the Civil Rights] was excellent and gave students inspiration.”





## FUNDRAISING APPEAL

PLEASE STAND WITH US.

### National trends

In 2024, total arts funding was \$5.44 per person, a 20% decrease from 2023. State arts agencies received \$741 million in 2024, a 24% decrease from 2023. Governor Gavin Newsom's 2024-2025 budget reduced the cut to the California Arts Council to \$5 million for two years.

### Securing our Legacy

Recent shifts in the funding landscape have put us at risk. Institutional funding has been severely reduced, delays in awarded funding, and the number of institutional funders is dramatically declining.

The future of our programming hangs in the balance.

We are an organization dedicated to preserving culture, providing free and low-cost stellar arts education, and advancing artistic work in our community.

We can't sustain this alone. We need you.

With your support, our cultural legacy is preserved for future generations.

We need your counsel, your contribution, and your unwavering commitment to the future of our community. The arts are not just a luxury—they are a lifeline that helps individuals and communities heal, grow, and thrive.

### Together:

- Bayview youth will have access to free educational programming.
- Artists will have space, resources, and the support they need to innovate and develop their creative practice.
- Your generosity and advocacy can make all the difference in sustaining these programs that so many rely on.

### Get Involved:

- Connect us to people in your network who align with our values and can contribute.
- Contribute to our fundraising campaign. [<https://www.zaccho.org/?support>]
- Share the importance of Zaccho as you know it, with your friends, family, and network, along with our contribution links.
- Share your fundraising wisdom with us, to ensure a successful campaign.

Thank you for your continued support, and for ensuring the preservation of a thriving, vibrant community, by investing in Zaccho Dance Theatre and the Bay Area performing arts.



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