



Dance Theatre Fairbanks has requested that the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly EXEMPT DTF from paying BOROUGH PROPERTY TAX.

On Thursday, November 17th, at 7:00 the Assembly will hear testimony in support of an ORDINANCE that will grant that TAX EXEMPTION to the NONPROFIT Dance Theatre Fairbanks – JOIN US IN SUPPORTING DTF AND DANCE EDUCATION

WHO WE ARE and WHAT WE DO

- Dance Theatre Fairbanks is a **NONPROFIT SCHOOL OF DANCE** that has been teaching Fairbanks to dance for **15 YEARS**.
- Our **MISSION** is providing the very best in **QUALITY DANCE EDUCATION**, promote **ACTIVE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES** and offer meaningful and fun **PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES** for hundreds of borough residents every year
- In 2008 DTF moved into the completely dilapidated old city fire station on 7th Avenue downtown.
- With **THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEER LABOR HOURS** and **GENEROUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT** – well over **\$500,000** in monetary and in-kind support – an abandoned eyesore is now a fully functioning dance school with **7 DANCE STUDIOS** and a **180-SEAT PERFORMANCE SPACE** that is busy nearly every day of the year.
- Today, nearly **200 STUDENTS** come through our doors each semester, and chose from **DOZENS OF CLASSES**.
- **HIGHLY MOTIVATED** and **TALENTED STUDENTS**. More **YOUNG AMERICANS** performers have come out of DTF than any studio in the U.S. Young Americans travel the U.S. and the world.
- **TALENTED** and **NATIONALLY CERTIFIED FACULTY** – including the only instructor in all of Alaska to be certified by the prestigious **AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE**.
- **DTF DIRECTS** and **PRODUCES AWESOME LOCAL PRODUCTIONS** that showcase DTF’s dedicated dancers and incredible faculty, including *Christmas Angel, Babes in Toyland, Thumbelina, Chorea Borealis, and next, Peter Pan...*

OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT – WHY DTF IS A GREAT CANDIDATE FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

- DTF is having a significant impact on the **REBIRTH OF THE DOWNTOWN CORE, MAKING “DOWNTOWN A DESTINATION,”** not just a place to drive through so one can get to the other side of town. DTF Volunteers have **REVITALIZED THE HISTORIC CITY FIRE STATION**.
- We **BRING PEOPLE TO THE CORE EVERY DAY**. Every night our parking lot is full – people are taking DTF classes, taking classes with UAF CTC, rehearsing plays, doing Belly Dancing, taking voice lessons, they are performing in our shows and shows put on by other community groups and organizations.
- **YEAR ROUND** we add to the **MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, PHYSICAL AND CULTURAL WELL-BEING** of borough residents.
- By relying on solid **VOLUNTEERS**, DTF can **KEEP CLASSES AFFORDABLE** so they are accessible to the entire community.
- DTF is an **ACTIVE AND COMMITTED COMMUNITY PARTNER** with local nonprofit organizations and community groups.

WHY DTF NEEDS TO BE EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX

- The DTF Board has been building a **SUSTAINABLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** for over five years, and DTF is well on our way to achieving **LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY**.
- The Firehouse Studios and Edna Wise Firehouse Theatre are amazing community assets, **AND WITH VOLUNTEER LABOR AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT** generating the funds necessary to operate and maintain the building will remain challenging.
- Property tax exemption will allow DTF to **MORE EFFECTIVELY AND MORE FULLY MEET ITS NONPROFIT MISSION**

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- As a DTF dancer, parent, friend and supporter, you can help by joining at the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly Meeting in Thursday, November 17th, at 7:00 pm in the Assembly Chambers, and speak up in support of DTF and its ongoing efforts to build a sustainable nonprofit dance school that will be teaching Fairbanks how to dance for another 15 years and more.

CALL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DIANNE CHRISTIANSEN (452-5113) OR BOARD PRESIDENT MIKE WALSH (388-5561) WITH QUESTIONS