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CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The Cabiri is seeking dedicated, passionate community leaders to serve as volunteer board members to help further our mission to *transport modern audiences into the myths and stories of lesser-known ancient cultures through the performing arts.*

Our ideal board candidate brings legal experience, financial experience, communications and/or marketing experience, donor development, grant writing, or previous board experience but all are welcome and encouraged to apply.

Role of Board Members

Board members invest time, energy and resources into helping the Cabiri sustain its important work by adopting sound, ethical, and legal governance and financial management policies, as well as making sure the nonprofit has adequate resources to advance its mission.

Expectations/Responsibilities for Board members:

1. Be present for bi-monthly board meetings held in the odd-numbered months of the year in the Seattle area (location varies).
2. Actively participate in an annual strategic/operational planning process to set goals for achieving the organization's vision, mission, and purpose.
3. Demonstrate leadership by adhering to the highest standards of ethical actions in decision-making and by financially supporting the organization at a level that is personally significant.
4. Enhance the organization's public standing by promoting the organization's mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public.
5. Ensure that the appropriate organizational structures are in place to support mission and strategic plan; this includes bylaws, policies, and committees.
6. Provide proper financial oversight by assisting in the development of an annual budget, approving the budget, assuring that proper financial controls are in place, and regular review spending and organizational accounts.
7. Ensure that adequate financial resources are available by assisting in the development of an annual fundraising plan, approving the plan, and supporting fundraising efforts through individual volunteer action and personal giving.

8. Support the organization in recruiting and training board members, assessing board performance, and ensuring that individual board members fulfill their commitments.
9. Serve as chair or member on at least one Committee.
10. Commit to at least one 2-year board term, with possibility of extension.
11. Passion for the performing arts.
12. Willingness to devote time to board duties, roles, and responsibilities as outlined above.
13. Willingness to be a team member and dedicate the time necessary to become familiar with the purpose, operations, plans, and programs of the Cabiri.
14. Open mindedness and commitment to making the best decision for the whole organization.
15. Ability to keep confidential information confidential.
16. Disclosure of any and all conflicts of interest.

About The Cabiri

The Cabiri is a Seattle-based nonprofit organization founded in 1999 that preserves the mythologies of extinct and endangered cultures through theatrical performance, lectures, and publications. Our acrobats, dancers, stilt walkers, aerialists, and puppets have been seen on stages throughout North America. Our presentations range from self-produced, full length theatrical productions to appearances at festivals, fundraisers, weddings, and other celebrations. In addition to our theatrical productions, we also offer year-round aerial dance classes for teens and adults.

In 2016, the Cabiri began our search for a physical facility in the Seattle area to teach our classes, rehearse, train, and present our work. Our current leadership includes two founding members – Artistic Director John Murphy and Managing Director Charly McCreary and five members of the community with a variety of backgrounds including anthropology, library science, structural design and fabrication, and physical therapy.

To Apply

If you are interested in joining our Board, please submit an e-mail and resume or CV (if you have one) listing professional experience and extracurricular activities and pursuits that might apply to what we do to Charly McCreary, Managing Director at charly@cabiri.org. We will then schedule an appointment to meet with you to discuss our work more in detail, and invite you to our next Board meeting. After visiting our Board meeting, we will have a follow up conversation with you about Board membership. If it seems like a fit, the Board will vote at our next regularly-scheduled meeting.