

Dancing on the Plaza

Postoley Ensemble - Tom Masterson and Halina Palmer

\$500 Grant from the Alex "Tink" Wilson Legacy Fund - April 2018

Tom Masterson of the Postoley Ensemble has presented dancing outside in Boulder for decades. Since the early 2000s, the outside dance program has been located at the Plaza just north of the Dushanbe Teahouse (1770 13th St., Farmers' Market area). This grant was awarded for assistance with operating expenses while work is proceeding on obtaining a permanent dance floor for Dancing on the Plaza.



Dear Alex Wilson Fund:

Thank you very much for your support of the Dancing on the Plaza program!

This summer, we presented 60 dances outside on the Plaza beside the Dushanbe Teahouse in downtown Boulder. The largest dances had nearly 250 dancers + many spectators, while the smaller had ~30 enthusiastic dancers. Many programs also included live music. Dancers of all ages, ethnic heritages, social and economic backgrounds were well represented. There were special programs for youngsters, and several programs were put on by college students. We continue to battle the intransigence of bureaucrats from Boulder Parks and Recreation, who marched in to take over the administration of the Plaza space and have to date blocked the installation of a better dance floor. Our hope for next year is to have a real dance floor and be able to include more dance groups to better reflect the great diversity of dance in Boulder and to enhance Boulder as THE place for outside community dance.

Thank you so much.

Tom Masterson

Director, Postoley Dance Ensemble, Plaza Dance Program

