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To whom this may concern.

I'm writing this letter in support for Dansmakers Amsterdam.

The past two years after graduating my education in Choreography at the AHK in Amsterdam I have had a great lot of support from Dansmakers and the people involved. In 2017 they granted me with both a residency and I was selected for the moving forward trajectory. It was in relation to these I got a chance to work very closely with the house and to see the place from the inside. Dansmakers and the people involved work rigorously and hard to create a platform for young dance artists as my self to develop work.

Dansmakers in one of the biggest reasons why I stayed in Amsterdam after my education and is one of the reasons why I have had as many working opportunities as I had here and the same goes for many of my peers who have been, in one way or another, supported by Dansmakers.

I can confidently say that it would be a great loss for Amsterdam and the dance and performance scene here to not have Dansmakers continue the work they are doing. As a local in the North of Amsterdam I also wanna stress how important it is to have a place like DM in this part of town.

Not only have they been supporting me in my work, but they have also been a place I could turn to with any other matter and questions in relation to being and becoming a freelance artist. It is with great honour and enthusiasm I write this letter to show my support and give something back to a house that has given me so much.

My first years after graduating has left me excited and hopeful for the future of performance in Amsterdam. I continuously see people working hard and see new initiatives that sprout up. But I also know we need to fight hard to keep up the enthusiasm and legacy of Amsterdam being one of the main cities for dance & performance and an innovative and experimental scene. It is my firm belief that Dansmakers are strong holders of this legacy and a necessity to keep this up.

I hope the wish to keep Dansmakers functioning as it is already is heard and that we together can lift the future of Dance and performance in Amsterdam.

With Kind Regards,

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