



BOARD MEMBER EOI – CLOSSES 24 NOVEMBER 2023

Expressions of Interest are invited from people who want to join our board to help us achieve the Assembly 197 vision. Board positions are voluntary, with Directors expected to attend (in person or remotely) six board meetings a year, as well as our annual strategic planning weekend and AGM, and when possible, participate in Assembly 197 events. Most Board Meetings occur virtually. Any travel costs to attend meetings will be covered by Assembly 197.

WHO WE ARE

We are Assembly 197, a resoundingly Tasmanian, proudly regional, live arts centre on the banks of Launceston's Kanamaluka River in the heart of Lutruwita/Tasmania. Led by Co-Creative Directors Adam Wheeler and Emma Porteus and governed by an active skills-based board, A197 emerged from the recent amalgamation of the flagship dance company Tasdance, and the internationally recognised development program Situate.

Care for our people is paramount to Assembly 197's culture. Employing 60+ artists annually, including creative associates, provocateurs, independent artists, and teachers, we are committed to collaborative, long-form artmaking. Assembly 197 is passionate about how the physical body shares stories. Building on Tasdance's 42-year commitment to pursuing choreographic excellence, we make large-scale works that celebrate the human form in performance. Assembly 197 provides professional development opportunities to build artists' skills, capacity, and careers through Situate, Tasmanian Residency for Independent Practice (TRIP), choreographic workshops, and intensives. In addition, through our Artery program, we work in partnership with The Smith Family, Stompin, and schools to offer artist-led workshops and pathways for young creatives from Day Care to University.

Assembly 197 believes all bodies deserve to engage with and experience artistic encounters, and we invite you to join us on our journey.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WITH DIVERSE EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, AND BACKGROUNDS, INCLUDING:

- Arts experience as a creator, an administrator, an educator or in government.
- Connections with the Australian arts community or broader business, political and community networks in Tasmania.
- Experience and skills in diverse areas such as marketing, festivals and events, finance, fundraising and sponsorship, governance, law, education, community engagement, or business.
- Willingness to engage actively in Assembly 197's development, attend Board and committee meetings, and revel in and encourage others to experience and be inspired by our art-making.

THE NEXT STEPS

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Peter Matthews, Board President, at p.matthews@federation.edu.au.

If you'd like to express interest in joining our board, please email us a brief (no more than 300 words) statement explaining why you'd like to join us and what you consider you could contribute to the board. Email this, with a copy of your current CV, to Simon McKenzie (President Designate) at connect@assembly197.com by 24 November 2023.