



Bringing Dancers Together

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I still remember the lunch meeting with Chelle when she picked my brains about the origins of SABA. At that meeting we developed SABA's mission statement ... "Bringing Dancers Together."

Unfortunately, like the rest of the world, at times SABA has a "them/us" mentality. Depending on circumstances we can be either a "them" or an "us". For example, in a group of cabaret solo dancers, I am the "us." In a group of tribal troupe dancers, I am the "them." A "them/us" mentality does not promote SABA's mission statement to bring dancers together. So the question becomes, how can we be who we are as individuals and still help SABA with its mission? In other words, what can you do for SABA?



Can you serve as an officer or in one of the volunteer positions? I've found that when I do things, I have a tendency to bring my friends along with me. Get involved and your friends will get involved too ... Bringing Dancers Together.

Have you considered organizing or sponsoring some sort of get together? This could be as elaborate as a workshop or hafla or as easy as opening your home for a DVD night. Gatherings of any sort lead to talking, sharing ideas and generally getting to know each other ... Bringing

Dancers Together.

Have you performed at any of SABA's dance events – SABA gala shows, charity shows, NYS Fair? Pre and post show in the changing areas you get to talk with other dancers – where did you buy that, what are those tassels made of? You also get to help and encourage each other – anyone have a safety pin, you did a great job ... Bringing Dancers Together.

Have you attended a meeting? You get a say in the business decisions of SABA. Sometimes you get a mini workshop. You get to visit, schmooze, snack and laugh with other dancers ... Bringing Dancers Together.



Have you written anything for the SABA Scroll? It's our club newsletter (now online), not a Pulitzer Prize literary publication; so don't be intimidated. Tell us about you, about your favorite CD or DVD, about a memorable performance, about making or buying a costume, favorite websites, the sky's the limit. Readers get to know you through your writing ... Bringing Dancers Together.

It is up to each and every one of us to further SABA's mission. We may never end the "them/us" issue but we can lessen it. It's up to each of us to do what we can to Bring Dancers Together.