



## MEMO

**Date:** May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**To:** BPRW Commission  
**From:** Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden Outreach Coordinator & Customer Service Associate  
**RE:** Vermont Dance Alliance Event Sound Waiver for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Request for waiver at Leddy Park to allow amplified sound for a live dance performance.

Vermont Dance Alliance is a statewide nonprofit that believes that dance is a transformational art form. By providing a network of resources for dance artists and educational opportunities for movers and audiences, they expand the visibility and accessibility of dance in Vermont and bolster the creative economy of the state. This will be their 5<sup>th</sup> annual summer program called "Traces", and they have chosen to tailor the event around the theme of water conservation, proving that together we can make a difference in protecting water in our communities. By placing emphasis on dance as a collective form of activism, VDA will continue to encourage an atmosphere of nondiscrimination and open dialogue through the dance medium. They are requesting to have amplified sound during their event and have already booked the Leddy Tent. They are planning to incorporate the lake into the event.

The event will take place between 10am and 1pm, with amplified sound happening throughout that. There will be a workshop from 10am – 11am that merges dance with water conservation themes and education followed by a display of 6 commissioned dances. This will be an intimate event, with low sound levels. Not all performers will be using amplification, but if they are it will be a battery powered amplifier and the music will range from classical to experimental. This event is free to the public and they are expecting around 50 people to attend. They will leave no trace.

Staff contact for the event is Hanna Satterlee.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

**Staff Recommendations:**

Allow waiver for amplified sound.