

## **TaikaBox ry**

### **CREATING NEW WAYS TO EXPERIENCE DANCE**

#### **Action plan 2017**

TaikaBox ry is a not-for-profit dance and technology organisation based in Oulu.

#### **TaikaBox ry's values**

Collaboration and research: integration of dance and technology, creative solutions and new ideas are born when differently-thinking people are brought together to work in the same space at the same time.

High quality art and community: we are aiming for high quality through deep artistic process which includes working with the community as an integral part of the process. Through interaction with communities we aim to provide them with meaningful artistic experiences and to enhance the artistic process.

#### **Mission**

The main aim of TaikaBox ry is to create new ways for people to experience dance. The artistic work of the Association is based on high quality artistic research, building new networks and working models which create the foundation of TaikaBox ry's productions and other activities.

#### **Vision**

The Association is a dynamic organisation, which is able to work flexibly within the arts sector and technology businesses. At the heart of the work is the moving body and increasing the awareness and access of dance through technology. TaikaBox ry aims to boldly integrate specialists from different fields and encourage innovation and artistic risk-taking.

TaikaBox ry's longer-term vision is to create a unique and internationally-recognised Oulu Dance/Tech Hub, which aims to enhance the development of dance locally, nationally and internationally through innovative partnerships with local businesses and through developing new working models and infrastructures for the arts.

#### **Aims for 2017**

- Continue to establish local projects.
- Continue raising profile.
- Expand networks to other Nordic and Baltic countries.

#### **Challenges and opportunities in 2017**

- Gaining Finnish arts funding for its operations.
- Making decisions on dual base.
- Building new networks
- Exploring new funding opportunities.
- Selling existing performances.

## **Operations**

### *DigiDance workshops*

- to children, young people, professionals and special groups

### *Rajamailla – project*

- with young refugees and Finnish young people
- 3-month project with a performance at the end

### *Oulu Dance Hack 2017*

- 3-day residency for professional artists and technology specialists

### *Artistic research and production*

- Born Old – Tietäjä länikuinen (childrens' production based on the Finnish epic)

### *Performances*

- Please Switch On
- Between Coil and Recoil

### *Mentoring*

- Plan International Finland Summer jobs for 2-4 young people (refugees and local young people)