



*an artist residency and performance center for contemporary dance, theater and related arts, for Martha's Vineyard and beyond*

David R. White  
Artistic and  
Executive Director

**December 31, 2013**

Alison Manning  
Managing Director,  
Co-Producer

**Dear Mr. Carroll and Chilmark Selectmen,**

Jesse Keller  
Director of Island Programs  
and Education, Co-Producer

**I am writing this letter on behalf of The Yard, to request the fee to be waived for The Yard's Off-Season Education Benefit that will be held at The Chilmark Community Center on January 19, 2014 with guest performers Johnny Hoy and The Bluefish.**

Linda Tarnay  
Artistic Associate

**Board of Trustees:**

**We greatly appreciated this support in 2011 when a similar benefit for The Yard's debt reduction was held. Between 60-90 local community members attended the event and we hope to have similar (if not better) attendance this year because of our focus on the schools.**

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**I have held the position of Director of Island Programs and Education for three year now at The Yard, and my passion for offering dance in the all the Island Schools continues to grow each year I invest in this community. Functions like this might seem small in income, but it offers The Yard the opportunity to connect with families and encourage their support for dance education for every Vineyard child.**

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**Thank you for your support of The Yard and consideration of this request. Happy New Year to you all and your families.**

**Sincerely,**

**Jesse M. Keller  
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