

## **HELEN WALKLEY**

### **EDUCATION**

1996 MFA, Interdisciplinary Studies, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC  
1985 CMA, Laban Movement Analysis, Laban Institute for Movement Studies, NYC  
1979 BA, Dance, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

### **ENDOWMENTS**

BC Arts Council Professional Performing Arts Program (solo) 2023  
The Lola Award 2022  
Canada Council Circulation and Touring, Western Canada tour of *John* 2021  
Creation Residences, SFU Woodward Cultural Programs, January 2021/July 2022  
Link Dance Foundation (solo) 2020  
The Dance Centre's Isadora Award 2020  
BC Arts Council Professional Project Assistance (trio) 2019  
Canada Council Grant/ Concept to Realization (duet) 2018  
BC Arts Council Professional Project Assistance (duet) 2018  
Artist in Residence/Dance Centre/Vancouver 2017/18  
BC Arts Council Professional Project Assistance (duet) 2017  
BC Arts Council Professional Project Assistance (quartet) 2016  
Dance Lab/Dance Centre/Vancouver (quartet, space subsidy) 2016  
BC Arts Council Professional Project Assistance 2015  
EDAM Dance Choreographic Lab (trio) 2014  
BC Arts Council Professional Project Assistance (trio) 2013  
Canada Council Grants to Dance Professionals 2012  
BC Arts Council Professional Project Assistance 2012  
Hollyhock/full scholarship/vocal training with Rhiannon and WeBe3/2012  
Link Dance Foundation and private fund raising 2010  
Artist in Residence/Dance Centre/Vancouver 2009/10  
BC Cultural Services Project Assistance for Dance (solo) 2006, 08, 09  
Dance Lab/Dance Centre/Vancouver (solo, space subsidy) 2008  
Creation residence, Mascall Dance 2007, 2008  
Canada Council Grants to Dance Professionals (solo) 2007  
Creation commission, the Society for Disability Arts and Culture (sextet) 2005  
BC Cultural Services Original Work Grant (sextet) 2005  
Canada Council Presenter Support for a Creation Based Partnership via Crimson Coast Dance 2004  
Artist in Residence/Shadbolt Centre for the Arts 2003/2004  
BCAC Annual Assistance for Professional Dance (solo/duet) 2003  
Canada Council Grant to Established Dance Professional (solo) 2003  
Artist in Residence/Dance Centre/Vancouver 2002/2003  
Quebec Council for the Arts for a collaboration with Marc Boivin 2002  
Dance Lab/Dance Centre/Vancouver (duet, space subsidy) 2002  
BC Cultural Services Professional Development Grant (voice/Richard Armstrong) 1999  
Canada Council Discovery Grant (4 dancers/3 vocalists) 1997  
BC Cultural Services Original Work Grant (4 dancers/3 vocalists) 1997  
Recommender Grants: EDAM, Dance Center, DanceCorps 1997/98  
Sandpoint High School Athletic Hall of Fame (Inducted 1995)  
Simon Fraser University Graduate Fellowship 1995/96  
BC Cultural Services Senior Award (MFA student /SFU) 1995/96  
Canadian Embassy/Bonn, Germany (solo) 1992  
Danslab/Amsterdam, the Netherlands (solo, space subsidy) 1992  
TanzFabrik/Berlin, Germany (4 dancers/3 singers, space subsidy) 1989  
King County Arts Commission Grant (solo/duet) 1984

Seattle Arts Commission Grant (solo/duet) 1983, Artsplace Achievement Award for the greatest contribution to dance in the Puget Sound area 1983

## **HELEN WALKLEY/CHOREOGRAPHY (\* performed live)**

**blocking** (solo/Josh Martin, composer/James Maxwell, light/James Proudfoot, set/50 min/ DOTE, Vancouver, 2024)

**John** (duet, composer/James Maxwell, light/James Proudfoot, text\*/50 min, DOTE, Vancouver, 2019 + 2022 tour to New Dance Horizons/Regina, Dance Victoria, Crimson Coast Dance /Nanaimo, The Firehall/Vancouver

**air filled with promise** (trio, composer/James Maxwell, light/James Proudfoot, text/ 25 min/ EDAM, Vancouver,2014)

**map of the heart** (eleven dancers, original score\*/Lada Menac and Stanislav Muškinja /15 min/ the Zagreb Dance Centre, Croatia, 2011)

**How is sleep beautiful?** (Solo, composer/James Maxwell, light/John Webber, set/John Noestheden, text and voice\*/50 min/the Dance Centre, Vancouver, 2010)

**no leg to stand on** (commissioned mixed ability sextet, composer/James Maxwell, light/Jonathan Ryder, 36 min/DOTE, Vancouver, 2006)

**migration** (commissioned solo, composer/ Renee Poisson,16 min, 2005)

**constantly changing rules** (sextet, composer/Renee Poisson, set/400 wood blocks/20 min/Malispina College, Nanaimo, 2004)

**and what hearing is and seeing** (solo in collaboration with composer/James Maxwell and light/James Proudfoot, song, sound, text\*/ set/30 min/ Shadbolt Centre for the Arts/Burnaby, Malispina College/Nanaimo, New Dance Horizons/Regina, Tangente/Montreal and DOTE/Vancouver, 2004-05)

**Billy and Andrew** (duet in collaboration with actor/dancers Billy Marchenski, Andrew Olewine, text and song\*, light /James Proudfoot/18 min/the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, DOTE, the VIDF/Vancouver, Malispina College/Nanaimo, 2004 -05)

**And it flew.** (sextet, composer/James Maxwell, 16 min/the Dance Centre, DOTE/Vancouver,2002-03)

**We checked very carefully with each other.** (4 dancers, one actor, text\*/composer/James Maxwell/20min/Mascall Dance/Vancouver, 2002)

**Aunt Norma and Uncle Bill** (solo, composer/James Maxwell/18 min/Studio 303/ Montreal, La Rotonde/Quebec City, DOTE, Cortes Island, Nelson, BC, 2001-02)

**sit with laugh and hands** (commissioned solo, composer/James Maxwell /12 min, 2001)

**open at the seams** (trio, composer/Gordon Cobb/22min/Main Dance/ Vancouver, 2001)

**folding up shop, a maiden voyage** (solo, composer/James Maxwell/ voice\*/30 min/Whitehorse, YK/Queen Charlotte City, BC, 2000)

**there is no place like here.** (solo,18 min/original text\*/DSW/Calgary, Victoria, 1999)

**sing me your voice** (4 dancers, 3 vocalists: Kate Hammett-Vaughan, DB Boyco, Sue McGowan\*/text\*/28 min, DOTE, 1997)

**Upon this footstool, I watch.** (solo, composer/MarkAdam\*/text\*/15 min/U of Calgary, 1997)

**bodywish** (solo, composer /Sue McGowan/5 min/commissioned by the Kiss Project/Performance Works, Vancouver, 1997)

**epoch** (solo, 35 min/voice and original text\*/EDAM/Vancouver, 1996)

**can the extraordinary whisper lament** (solo, 12min/the Laban Centre/ London, England, 1995)

**The Logos of Momentum** (solo, 15 min/original text/the Melkweg/Amsterdam, 1994)

**Hindsight in a Present Tense Retrospective** (solo, original score with text/voice\*/45 min/Tanz Bremen/ Bremen, Germany/ Danslab/Amsterdam, Nijmegen, Holland/1992-93)

**Tranquil Collision** (4 dancers/3 singers/text and voice\*/60 min/ theTanzFabrik/ Berlin,1989)

**Ramblin' Rose** (solo, voice\*/16 min/Virginia Commonwealth University, 1987)

**Spoken Like a Canadian, Go Lush Put Hop, A Bee in My Bonnet** (solo, composer/Arturo Peal/ text\*/30 min/Bumbershoot/Seattle, 1986)

**Ordinary Magic** (solo, composer/Arturo Peal/20 min/Broadway Performance Hall/Seattle, 1986)  
**A Mind to Move / We Dance / Solos/Duets** (3 evening length works with Christian Swenson/ original score/original text\*/On the Boards/ Seattle,1983-85)

## **IMPROVISATION IN PERFORMANCE:**

**practicality** (quintet, 4 dancers, one singer/Carol Sawyer\*/30 min/Mascall Dance, 2006)  
**something you leave behind** (quartet, 3 dancers with Simon Schumpp/classical guitarist\*, light/James Proudfoot/15 min/Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, 2004)  
**Interface** (an hour improvised performance with Lin Snelling, Peter Bingham and cellist Peggy Lee\*/the Western Front/Vancouver/ Malispina College/Nanaimo, 2004)  
**Peripethia's Path** (duet with Marc Boivin/20 min/NY Improvisation Festival, NYC/Main Dance, Vancouver, 2002)  
**trust and discomfort** (duet with Marc Boivin/25 min/the Edge Festival/Vancouver, Studio 303/ Montreal, La Rotonde/Quebec City,2001)  
**a singular meeting** (duet with Martin Sonderkamp/20 min/NY Improvisation Festival/NYC,2000)  
**the wandering minds travel club** (solo, voice\*/7 min/Seattle Festival for Improvised Arts/Seattle,1998)

## **CREATION IN AN EDUCATIONAL CONTEXT**

**still life** (septet, composer/Peter Abondo/ 7 min/ScotiaBank Dance Centre/June 2004)  
**She needs to wear warmer clothes in colder weather.** (11 dancers, composer/James Maxwell\*/13 min/ the RoundHouse/Vancouver,2000)  
**why use a hammer when a feather will do?** (sextet, composer/James Maxwell\*/7 min/Shadbolt Centre for the Arts,1999)  
**as delicate now needs a versatile kind of truth to reconcile the souls anatomy** (trio, composer/Robin Tufts/15 min/the University of Calgary,1998)  
**three minutes only or you have all the time in the world** (an improvised collaboration with 9 dancers and 2 percussionists\*/30min/EDAM,Vancouver,1997)  
**I will try to get it to you by Monday.** (quintet, composer/Mark Adam\*/12 min/the U of Calgary,1997)  
**Bite the Apple** (12 teens, composer/Sue McGowan/7 min/Shadbolt Center for the Arts,1997)  
**I must first sit and rest awhile.** (10 dancers, composer/Daniel Ingram/13 min/Main Dance/Vancouver,1996)  
**Surrender** (9 dancers, composer/Jonathan Romeo/20 min/Virginia Commonwealth University,1988)

## **COMMUNITY WORK IN VARYING POPULATIONS/1995 – PRESENT:**

Roundhouse Community Dancers, Polymer Dance, the Carnegie Centre, the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre (mixed ability work), David Thompson High School, Gladstone High School and Youth in Motion and Continuum Dance at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**1980-88:** Independent Performer with Pat Graney/Ann Carlson/Deborah Hay, Seattle, WA/NYC  
**1982-85:** Co-founded a duet company with Christian Swenson, 75 engagements including Dance Theater Workshop/NYC, Danceworks/Toronto, On the Boards/Seattle, the American Dance Festival/Durham, NC, the Yellow Springs Institute/Yellow Springs, PA

**RELEVANT TRAINING:** Voice, Authentic Movement, Contact Improvisation, Shambhala Buddhism, Yoga, Body Mind Centering, Alexander Technique, Anat Baniel Neuromovement  
2007 certified Tellington TTouch Practitioner

## **HELEN WALKLEY/TEACHING**

1996 - 2024: Freelance teaching in the Vancouver professional community/Technique, Improvisation, Movement Patterning, Choreography/Improvisation projects

2006 - 2024: the Bartenieff Fundamentals/Developmental Movement Patterns and Laban Studies to a diverse population (all performing arts/visual arts, martial arts, body workers, yoga and pilates teacher/practitioners, athletes, people recovering from injury)

2008 - 2020: The Presence of Mind in Motion, a 70-hour training for emerging professionals/2018 Globe Theatre Conservatory Training/Regina, Sask/2010, 2012, 2014, Guest Artist, U of Calgary/Fall 2010 (Technique, Improvisation, Laban Studies), Physical Training for Actors/Acting for Film and TV/Vanarts/08 – 09,19-20, Vancouver, Core Faculty member/Laban Canada/Burnaby, BC/Winter 08

1996 - 2000: Core faculty member/ Main Dance Bridging Program, a pre professional dance training program/Technique, Improvisation, Movement Patterning, Composition, Choreographed on the students, participation in student evaluation and auditions/Vancouver, BC

1997 - 1998: Artist in Residence, summer 97, winter 98/University of Calgary/Technique, the Application of LMA to Improvisation, Choreographed on the students/Calgary, AB

1994 – 03: Sessional Positions (5) Simon Fraser University/Fundamental Integration of Human Movement, Contemporary Dance Technique, Improvisation, Laban Movement Analysis/Burnaby, BC

1996 - 97: Shadbolt Center for the Arts/Performance, Technique/Burnaby, BC

1991 – 94: Faculty member/the School for New Dance Development, a four-year art school/Technique, Explorations, Improvisation, guiding students in making their own work, Faculty meetings for student evaluation and ongoing discussion of curriculum/Amsterdam, the Netherlands

1989: TanzFabrik/Technique, Improvisation, Bartenieff Fundamentals/Berlin, Germany  
Directed Panoptikum/a group of Expressionist Dancers/Berlin, Germany

1988: Introduction to Laban Movement Analysis/Laban Institute for Movement Studies/NYC

1987: Artist-in-Residence/Virginia Commonwealth University/Technique, Bartenieff Fundamentals, Choreographed on students/Richmond, VA

1985 – 87: Freelance/Technique, Improvisation, Bartenieff Fundamentals/Seattle, WA

1986 – 24: Ongoing Intensive Workshops/three days to one month long/Technique, Improvisation, Bartenieff Fundamentals, Choreography /Germany, The Netherlands, United States, Canada, England, Spain, Croatia

## **ONE ON ONE MOVEMENT TRAINING**

1985 – 24: Private Practice/ with performers to develop technical and expressive range and with a non-specific population on embodiment, chronic injury and stress-related issues