



## **AVAdance Special Events Intern**

[AVAdance](#) is a methodology of movement developed by [Michelle Ava](#), M.A., a dance educator, choreographer, performer and empowerment coach, who has been a leader in D.C. dance and healing arts education for over 40 years. After receiving her masters in dance education from George Washington University, Michelle founded [Joy of Motion Dance Center](#) (JOM) with a vision of creating “dance for everyone.” She served as Artistic Director for Joy of Motion from 1976 to 1990. Since founding JOM, her original vision has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of dance students, choreographers, and performers across the DC region. Michelle has also received numerous [honors and awards](#) for her decades of contribution to the dance community.

### **About AVAdance**

The AVAdance methodology synergizes the beauty of dance, the spirituality of yoga, and the philosophies of contemporary transformational teachings to create experiences of Authentic Vibrant Awareness. AVAdance is also a collaborative [dancetheatre company](#) that is the umbrella for the artistic, spiritual, and educational work of Michelle and her collaborators and colleagues. They offer community and professional dance education classes, workshops, and performances which embody the core values of the AVAdance methodology.

In July, AVAdance will produce Turiya: From Darkness to Light, an experimental multi-media concert weaving expressive movement, original music, spoken word, projected imagery, wearable art, magic, and more. The concert will depict the energetic vibrational story of our collective journey from darkness to light, and will be held at the Joy of Motion Jack Guidone Theatre on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Turiya is also the first showcase of the AVAdance Legacy Company, a sustainable, long-term company that supports, incubates, and produces innovative and collaborative works by up and coming artists, as well as dance pioneers from the DMV area.

### **Internship Description**

This is an exciting opportunity for a dynamic, creative, and organized individual to work closely with Michelle Ava and her team to plan, implement, and promote the Turiya showcase. An intern will also have the opportunity to collaborate with Michelle and her team as they design future projects of the AVAdance Legacy Company. The internship requires an ideal commitment of 20 hours per week for part-time interns, and 35 hours per week for full-time interns. This is an unpaid internship, though AVAdance will comply with university requirements for internship credit. Start and end dates are flexible, with a preference being given to interns able to start immediately.

### **Internship Responsibilities:**

- Support the AVAdance team to plan and execute the logistical components of the Turiya showcase.
- Coordinate logistics for Turiya rehearsals and meetings of performers, volunteers, and the AVAdance team.
- Coordinate internal communications between Turiya performers, volunteers, and the AVAdance team.
- Draft and post social media content across Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram raising visibility for the Turiya showcase.
- Contribute to blog, e-newsletter, and other online communications projects.
- Administrative tasks as necessary.



**Qualifications:**

- Excellent oral and written communications skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a dynamic team.
- Ability to prioritize tasks and swiftly shift priorities.
- Strong computer literacy and previous experience with social media management and multimedia creation.
- Strong organizational skills, with experience in coordinating events a plus.
- Meticulous attention to detail, self-starter, and creative.
- Interest in brainstorming the conceptual and artistic direction of the Turiya showcase, and AVAdance Legacy Company, a plus.
- Interest in and knowledge of the performing and healing arts a plus.

**To apply:** Please e-mail a cover letter indicating your availability (full time or part time) and resume, and one reference with contact information to [mmemcfadden@gmail.com](mailto:mmemcfadden@gmail.com). Please use "AVAdance Internship Application\_YOUR LAST NAME" as the subject of your e-mail. **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.** Interested candidates should submit applications as soon as possible. Only complete applications will be reviewed.