

# CHOREOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

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The Vermont Choreographer's Workshop is a unique group of dancers, teachers, and choreographers from all over the state of Vermont who meet once a month to share and critique each other's work. The concept grew out of the Vermont Dance Festival at the Flynn last May when the dancers felt they needed more contact with each other.

There has been an overwhelming response. Approximately fifty people now participate in the workshop. The dance programs at the colleges in Vermont have donated space. They include Castleton and Johnson State Colleges, Middlebury College, University of Vermont, Bennington College, St. Michael's College, and Marlboro College.

Other activities such as articles for publications and a state dance newsletter have grown out of these meetings. Special events with professional choreographers like Lar Lubovitch and Robert Small and a Castleton Summer Dance Series, which will feature Vermont dance exclusively, have developed with the help and support of the workshop. Most importantly the workshop has helped create a network of dancers who support and encourage one another.