

## Great Ways to Get Involved with NWT

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New WORLD Theater is quickly approaching its 30th anniversary and we continue to grow as we reach this momentous milestone. In addition to our season of innovative performances, new work development, community events, *Project 2050*, our youth program, and *Intersection*, our biennial conference and festival, we host artist-led workshops, give guest lectures, and have begun a series of community forums with the goal of receiving direct feedback on our work from *you*. From local artists to administrators, donors to designers, production staff to community members, we are proud to say “it takes a village” to share and live our vision.

Community involvement has been at the center of our success over the past 30 years. As we look to the future, we understand the value of your direct involvement and our relationships with individuals and groups in Western Massachusetts. As the new Audience and Community Development Coordinator, I am here to nurture and cultivate these essential relationships. Together we can sustain your voice at New WORLD Theater.

There are many ways to get involved with New WORLD Theater and help us widen our circle. You can:

- Volunteer to work with community-based programs such as *Project 2050* and *Walaalo!* the Somali Women’s Project
- Volunteer to work at *Intersection V* this April, and attend the conference for free
- Usher at our *New Works for a New WORLD* summer performances
- Become a spokesperson for us by spreading the word about the work we do
- Sponsor students or low-income families to attend a NWT performance through the UMass Fine Arts Center’s Angel Tickets program
- Make a tax deductible contribution or an in-kind donation to support our programs

- Join the Community Spirit Circle by donating or raising \$250 or more to support NWT's community-based programming

Enhancing your involvement, whether through a gift of time, money, or both, will help facilitate forums for creative expression for artists and activists of color; support youth and artist development; and foster dialogue among diverse communities.

With your support, we can continue to present innovative, progressive, impactful art – ensuring our place as an arts leader with a national as well as international reputation as a visionary cultural institution.

For more information on these exciting opportunities, please contact me at 413-545-9591 or [nmyoung@acad.umass.edu](mailto:nmyoung@acad.umass.edu).

I look forward to getting to know each and every person involved with NWT!