

BIOGRAPHY OF SILVA LAUKKANEN

Silva Laukkanen loves to dance. She loves movement. She loves diversity. She loves the beautiful moments created in space by diverse bodies telling stories. Originally from Finland, now living in Austin, Texas. Her passion for dance education and choreography has taken her around the world to teach in many different environments, from senior centres to correctional facilities and other educational settings, professional companies, and higher education settings. She wants to expand the notion of who can dance and where dance should happen. This inquiry sparked the idea in 2016 to start the DanceCast: a podcast to bring awareness about dance artists working outside the traditional norms. She is also co-authoring a book, "Discussing Disability in Dance," published in 2022. Silva holds a BFA in Dance from The North Karelia College of Outokumpu, and a postgraduate degree in Community Dance from The Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in London, UK and is a certified DanceAbility teacher.

She is currently the director of integrated dance at Art Spark Texas in Austin, Texas.