



Dance
for All

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**25 YEARS OF LOVING, CARING
& SHARING**

Focused on what a child will become tomorrow,
but not forgetting that he is someone today

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AFRICAN CONTEMPORARY PROGRAMME



After a successful Gala, we had to prepare for the Baxter Festival, where 24 students entertained the audience, amongst of which were their friends and family.

This gave a chance to new students who have never performed on a professional stage before, shining proudly on stage.

The Junior students were invited to perform at Artscape at the event *A Night to Remember* hosted by Aviva Pelham in aid of Red Cross Children's hospital's fundraiser towards their latest music therapy programme, a wonderful opportunity for our students to be part of such an important event, collaborating with some of Cape Town's finest artists.

DFA hosted a week long Stepping Out workshop to 86 students during the schools holiday, open to all students from DFA and elsewhere including our rural outreach students, with a good variety of dance forms, incl African Dance, Hip Hop, Contemporary and Ballet

Our internal exams over the month of November and preparations for the end of year production in December concludes our year.

During Imibulelo, students will not only showcase their talent but will also have the opportunity to thank the parents and family in support of their children who have done remarkably well over 2016.

BALLET PROGRAMME



With Daniela Di Lorenzo accepting a full time position at the Cape Academy of Performing Arts, this year has been a challenge for the ballet students to learn to work with a different teacher, as well as choreographers who are new to them. More new students from the outreach areas who shows potential and special talent, join their friends to be nurtured and receive more individual attention at DFA's academy (home base in Athlone). This will help to take them further with their ballet training.

Three of the senior students on the Ballet programme have since received places in the InSPIRations Youth Company.

Dance for All also hosted a Ballet Open Day on Saturday 1st October and all the students happily joined in the Stepping Out workshop during the holidays which introduced some for the first time to other dance forms.

The choreographed work, *Souvenir Avec Trois*, by Phyllis Spira, and taken from our 25th Anniversary Gala offered the chance to the students to perform this lovely pas de trois at this year's Baxter Dance Festival.

CONTEMPORARY PROGRAMME

The final months of 2016 are being used for our end of year practical examinations, which takes place in October. Students will also be preparing for their final showcase Imibulelo in December. This year's production will see students in some exciting upbeat choreographies to fit in with the carefree, lively and light-hearted feel to it.

The students also participated in some very enjoyable classes during our holiday Stepping Out workshops, participating in different dance styles and experienced working with a variety of teachers.



BARRYDALE

These were exciting times for us! Eight of our students had been chosen from two schools to attend the Stepping Out workshop week in Athlone at DFA. They had a blast and learned so much. For most of them it was the first time to leave their parents at home and none of them had been to Cape Town before, all in all a great opportunity.

In the same week, Barrydale held the annual open garden show, Barrydale In Bloom. This is a local flower show, and people from across the province and overseas, come to see the gardens. This year they held a Dinner& Dance show and asked our advanced students to perform three dance items during the course of the evening. All the guests were pleasantly surprised and could hardly believe such great dancers came from rural Barrydale, overall a wonderful evening and a great way to showcase our work to the community.



MONTAGU

This fourth term started with unbelievable challenges 'The fees must fall' scenario taking place across our country has affected our township school in Zolani. Youths vandalized the classrooms where our classes have taken place which led to the school governing body asking us to find a new venue to avoid the school being used after school hours.

Eight years ago we started classes at a crèche this building is now empty due to a gaping hole in the wall rubble and shattered glass everywhere. We worked hard to clean it for it to become our new home! I am proud at the level of commitment of our youngsters a total reversal of the energy of the protesting students. It certainly is not the most ideal facility yet we persevere. In the July school holiday three of our seniors attended a leadership program at the invitation of Helen Gooderson of the RAD Foundation. Lihle Mfene impressed one of the visiting American participants who invited him to attend the Bates Dance Festival in Maine USA in July next year.

The inclusion of some of our dancers to the Dance for All Stepping Out holiday program and Baxter Dance Festival have been the inspiration for us to keep on keeping on.



BRIDGING PROGRAMME

Dance for All is calling on youth between the ages of 18 – 21 years old to join its much exciting twelve-month Bridging Programme. The course will give the students a much need firm background and experience to continue studying in the field of professional dancing, choreographing, dance teaching, costume design and sound and lighting, all of which often forms part of the performing arts studies.

The Bridging programme has to date had numerous success stories of students who have moved on and being accepted by other tertiary institutions or organisations.

A total of 23 students have, or are currently studying at Jazzart Dance Theatre, Cape Academy of Performing Arts (CAPA), UCT School of Dance, Tshwane University of Technology, Cinevox Junior Company in Switzerland, and three former students are currently with Dance for All (DFA) as trainee teachers

For more information and to book an audition, please contact (Allison Hendricks) on 021 697 5509 or email allison@danceforall.co.za



InSPIRAtions YOUTH COMPANY



A small group of the dancers, from the InSPIRations Youth Company were selected to perform during October in Clanwilliam as part of Artscape Rural Project, an amazing project in reaching our rural towns & empowering people.

After DFA's Stepping Out holiday workshops, the company performed at the Baxter Dance Festival, in the dance piece Hunter Gatherers with choreography by Bruno Wani

UPCOMING EVENTS

Imibulelo (In Gratitude from us to You)

Date: 10 December 2016

Venue: Springfield Convent School

Time: 14:00 & 19:00

The +/- 90 min dance production showcases the diversity of the students, of different ages, with a variety of dance forms during a carefree, lively and light-hearted presentation.

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