

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE CHILDREN IN HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ENJOYMENT, EMPOWERMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF SELF-ESTEEM THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF DANCE, AS WELL AS TRAINING PROFESSIONAL DANCERS AND DEVELOPING A UNIQUE, INDIGENOUS DANCE COMPANY.

LATEST NEWS! 2019

To end off 2018 on a high note, was the placement of 2 of our senior students), at Jazzart Dance Theatre to join their three year training programme - Lisa Nongqongqo (after 11yrs at DFA) & Mihlali Gwatyu (after 8yrs at DFA)

DFA's annual **Imibulelo** was celebrated on 1st December 2018, in conjunction with World Aids Day, with a

production including performances from partner organisations and excerpts from our annual Artscape production.

January 2019 started off on a busy note with the full time students participating for the first time in the annual **Diaz** Festival in Mosselbay in collaboration and with musical direction by well-known Cape Town based German composer, arranger, and conductor, Adolf Thelen.

DFA Workshops in Barrydale & Riversdale - A motivational and most inspiring workshop was presented in Barrydale & Riversdale by DFA's teachers as well as the full time Bridging programme students giving the current DFA students in Barrydale and the new students in Riversdale a fresh insight into a variety of dance forms eg. Hip-Hop, Kwaito and other.

As part of, and in preparation for the 'Kaapse Dans Solo' presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, which took place during March at the Artscape Arena theatre in collaboration with DFA (SA) & Jazzart Dance Theatre. Students of dance institutions from and around Cape Town, joined DCAS Master Classes, held at the DFA Centre. The Masterclasses aims to educate and develop students' abilities in the art of Solo Dance.

Joining the Friends of the **Dutch National Ballet**, the fundraiser and also tour co-coordinator of the ballet company visited a number of dance institutions in Johannesburg and Cape Town (Zama Dance School, Jazzart

Dance Theatre, Cape Town City Ballet & Dance for All) during Feb & March of this year. A group of young female students represented DFA at the prestigious DCAS Awards which took place at the Artscape Theatre. We were indeed privileged and honoured to be amongst the performers which included the Cape Philharmonic Orchestra, Cape Town City Ballet, Cape Town Opera, Jazzart Dance Theattre, Zip zap Circus

amongst others.

DFA in collaboration with Jazzart Dance Theatre & DCAS hosted the **DCAS - Kaapse Dans Solo** during March 2019 at DFA and also had four of our students participate. The purpose of this event includes an invitation to students of Dance Institutions to participate in 'Kaapse Dans Solo" presented by the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport. The Masterclasses aims to educate and develop students' abilities in the art of Solo Dance.

Continuing the hectic start to the year included a collaboration with dance students from the **Codarts University** for the Arts, a Dutch vocational university in Rotterdam that teaches music, dance and circus. Students with 3 years of study towards their final internship organised a project in Cape Town of 2 weeks during March.

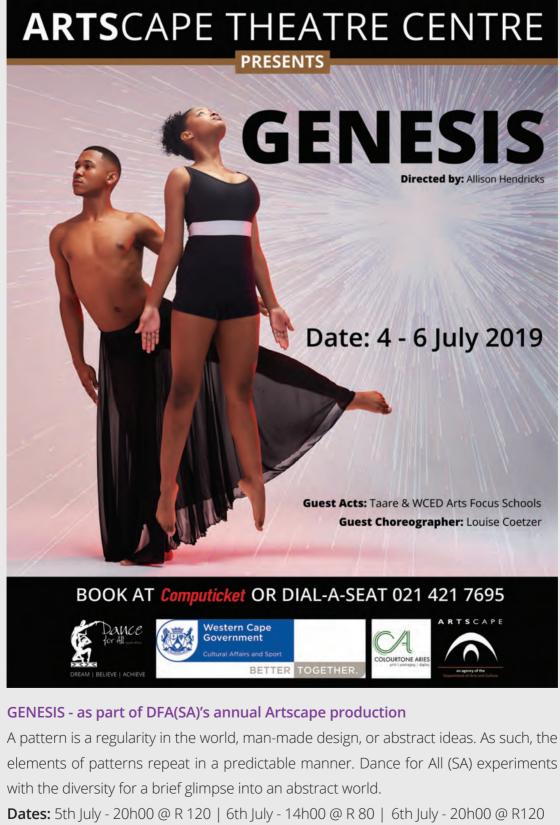
The **DCAS Dance Camp** took place at Melkbos 23rd-25th March, with the students from Paarl participating in Hip Hop, Contemporary and African classes, something the students from the rural areas continue to look forward to every year

Darkroom Contemporary NEW WORKS project workshops took place during February & March where our

students worked with Louise Coetzer alongside various other professional dancers. Darkroom Contemporary's NEW WORKS is made possible by a grant from the National Arts Council, with support from the National Lotteries Commission and the Western Cape Government.



DANCE FOR ALL (SA)



PARTNERSHIP WITH

Venue: Artscape Theatre

African Fashion International (AFI) 2019 AFI Cape Town Fashion Week (AFICTFW)

Venue: Groot Constantia

Cape Town Fashion Week - Opening

Ball of Hope HOPE Cape Town and the Southern African - German Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Cape Town) in

Date: 11-13 April 2019

Venue: Artscape Opera House

Suidoosterfees

Date: 27th April @ 14h00

cooperation with the Westin by Marriott in Cape Town.

Beats of Bollywood in collaboration with Taare Indian Dance Company

Date: Saturday, 18 May 2019

Venue: Westin Hotel, Cape Town

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