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EDUCATOR'S PACKAGE

Looking for a **creative** and **inspiring** way to teach dance to Primary, Junior, or Intermediate students?

Do you want a **flexible** dance program based on the Ontario Curriculum?

The Kingston School of Dance has designed and developed, with **teacher input**, a creative dance education program for you!

Professional dance instructors can help you with your dance unit!

THE KINGSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE

About our school....

We are located in the heart of downtown Kingston. We are a registered charity, and are proud to be the only not-for-profit dance school in Kingston and the surrounding area.

In 1967, a community ballet association was formed to provide high-quality instruction to a small group of classical ballet students who were seeking excellence in technical training. In the past 45 years, we have grown to be a vibrant, enthusiastic organization dedicated to enriching the community through dance. While we continue to provide the highest standard of classical ballet training, we have also added a wide variety of dance genres for students, supporters, and spectators to experience. From classical forms such as **ballet, jazz, and tap**, to **world beat, hip-hop, contemporary** and **Acro**, we have it all at KSD!

We strive to provide affordable and accessible programming to our dancers. We cultivate a nurturing environment where students can discover their unique, and innate ability to dance. Dancers ranging from 3 to 80 years of age experience a continually exciting and current curriculum at the Kingston School of Dance.

Whether a student's goal is to become a professional dancer, find an enjoyable recreational outlet, or improve fitness, our instructors are dedicated to their individual development. We provide sound technical training while encouraging fun and creative exploration.

Our dance school recognizes that each dancer is unique. We are proud to be an inclusive organization that welcomes students with exceptionalities. We believe that the ability to dance has no limitations. Please note that our temporary Harold Harvey Centre location is not wheelchair accessible, but our new permanent home in January 2015 at the Tett Centre For Creativity and Learning will be.

Collaboration with other arts organizations and the community is important to us. It keeps us grounded in our mission to enrich the city of Kingston and surrounding area with the art of dance.

A COMMUNITY PARTNER

Partnering with the Kingston School of Dance will enhance your student's experience and education of dance. As a community-based school, our priority is to make the art of dance accessible, relatable, and most important, FUN!

THE KSD

DANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our goal with The Kingston School of Dance Education Program is to help your students develop an understanding and appreciation of the art of dance. By partnering with our dance school, your students will have the opportunity to experience the art of dance with **professional** dance instructors in an **authentic** dance environment. They will be encouraged to express themselves through the movement and elements of dance in imaginative ways.

In a **3-week session** (2-hour learning blocks x 1 visit per week = 6 hours of professional dance instruction) your students will explore one, two, or all three of the following genres of dance: **Contemporary**, **Hip-Hop** and **World Beat**. **It's up to YOU!** Your time block each week will be divided into two 55 min. dance periods: one for dance instruction and one for creating and presenting their newly learned skills in the form of group work. The students will have a 10 minute break in between during which they can have a beverage and snack that they have brought with them. KSD is a peanut-free environment.

Each week, students will learn, create, and then be encouraged to share their new skills with the class in our studios or back at their school. The **learning goals** for your students have been designed to comply with the Ontario dance curriculum.

For each dance genre, your students will learn (**Overall Expectations in the Ontario Dance Curriculum**):

- different elements and choreographic forms of the genre (**A1, A3**)
- cultural and historical background behind the movements (**A3**)
- practical dance skills (**A1**)
- how to communicate their feelings and emotions through the dance genre (**A2**)
- how to apply critical thinking skills when interpreting the movements and presenting their dance skills (**A2**)

Educators will be provided with a bio for each instructor (all instructors have current CPICs) and a guideline for each session. Downloadable PDFs will be available on our website for reference prior to your visit to the studio including a **RUBRIC** developed for your convenience that complies with the Ontario curriculum for student assessment. Students will be assessed **BY THE DANCE INSTRUCTOR** in groups. You will find it attached to this package.

Educators are invited to participate and learn some new dance moves, use the time for student observation, or take a well-deserved break in our studio lounge!

******* Students who complete the 3-week Dance Education Program will receive a certificate from the KSD. ***The certificate can be used for a discount towards tuition fees at KSD for our regular dance programming.***

