



Dancestreams Youth Dance Company
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Dear Dancer,

Dancestreams Youth Dance Company invites you to attend our annual master classes and audition on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at Vibrant Studios in Nanaimo. Guest teachers are Monica Proenca, co-director of Lamondance (lamondance.com) of Vancouver for ballet, and Vancouver choreographer Claire French for modern. This is a wonderful opportunity to take classes with guest artists from outside our area, and to learn more about the Dancestreams experience.

Dancestreams has been working with talented young dancers on Vancouver Island for twenty-five years and many have gone on to successful careers both in and out of dance. Our alumni include Alexis Fletcher (Ballet BC); Robyn Ford (London Studio Centre, London stage productions, music videos); Connar Gnam (Ballet Kelowna, Ballet BC); Laura Jenkins (Ballet BC, Ballet Victoria); Robyn Stubbs (Arts Umbrella Grad, Decidedly Jazz, Cruise Ships); Nicole Egeland (Royal Winnipeg Ballet Teacher Training, Teacher RWB); Jennifer Quibell (National Ballet School, Arts Umbrella faculty) and many more. Some of your current teachers may have been involved with Dancestreams in their youth.

The Company has a long history of assisting young dancers with aspirations in the dance world to achieve their goals. Dancestreams offers weekly company class with staff as well as guest artists, master classes with professional dancers, and workshops concerning dancer health and careers. Perhaps Dancestreams' most significant offering, and that which sets it apart from other youth dance companies, is the opportunity it provides for young dancers to work with professional choreographers. In the past, Dancestreams has commissioned choreography by some of Canada's leading choreographers including Wen-Wei Wang, Serge Bennathan, Sara Coffin, Karissa Barry, Joe Laughlin, Alison Denham, Rosario Ancer, Hannah Stilwell, Amber Funk, Shay Kuebler and a host of others. Together they represent a 'who's who' of Canadian dance, and we're looking forward to some exciting new choreography this year too! Each spring, the Company performs in theatres and schools throughout Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland and Gulf Islands. Occasionally, the Company tours further- China 1994, Los Angeles 1998, 2001, Germany 2003, 2008, Belgium 2003, B.C. Interior 2009.

If you are a committed, hard working dancer who is looking for more in dance, who enjoys working as part of a team, who is interested in learning with other dancers who share your passion, we hope you will consider auditioning for Dancestreams Youth Dance Company. Feel free to call me personally at 250-723-9525 or email dancestreams@shaw.ca. More information can be seen on our website: www.dancestreams.ca.

The master classes/ audition take place at Vibrant Studios in Nanaimo, Sunday September 11th. You don't have to audition to take the classes, but if you are auditioning, you must take both classes. Doors open at 10 am. There is an information session for dancers and parents from 10:30-11 am. Ballet 11-12:30/ Modern 12:45- 2:15. Pre-registration is appreciated. Please call or email me to do so. Please download forms from the website which should be filled in and brought along to the audition/masterclasses. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Patricia MacKenzie
Artistic Director, Dancestreams Youth Dance Company

When: Sun. Sept 11th
Where: 1969 Boxwood, Nanaimo
Info Session: 10:30- 11:00
Ballet: 11:00- 12:30
Modern: 12:45- 2:15