



Monthly Report

The Dancescape South Africa Report for February 2025

Dancescape South Africa (DSA) continues to facilitate daily dance classes in February of 2025 (2.00pm – 6.00pm Venue Zolani Hope Centre – Mantlane Road Zolani Ashton) engaging children in beginner and senior dance sessions. We currently employ the services of a resident teacher, an assistant teacher, a general assistant, and a director. Thanks to the support of all those who have donated to our project we are able to preserve the Fiona Sargeant legacy. Our top priority is to facilitate classes in a safe environment for both teacher and learners and to provide an extramural activity which is good for both mind and body.

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The Directors Report:

Classes continued throughout the month of February with Nqaba and Aviwe teaching. Alakhe Zotte attended some of the classes as a trainee teacher. A group of dancers also resumed the Saturday classes as part of a collaboration with The First Step Ballet School in McGregor.

My month was busy as it's the final month of our financial year and a lot had to be done. Such as preparing the income and expenditure figures so that the accountants can issue a financial statement for this financial year. I also needed to work out how the funds received from various grants were allocated. Furthermore, I am working on the budget for the year ahead and where to apply for grants and do general fund raising.



At our final board meeting held in January, we discussed the possibility of opening a dance school in Montagu for paying clients. I have had many enquiries over the last few years from both parents who want their children to dance and also from adults who are also interested. With this in mind, I approached The Laerskool Montagu and spoke with the principle. He

suggested that I write a proposal which he would present at an upcoming meeting. This was done and now I will meet in March with the principal and somebody on the school's board for more discussion.



On the 28th of February Nqaba and I met Thando Mhlanga who works as an auditor for Licksman Accounting Services. She was doing a site inspection and data capture for the National Lotteries Commission. We discussed and answered her questions and later that afternoon she stopped by the studio in Zolani. Thando was very helpful and friendly. We hope to get the second tranche of the NLCSA grant soon.

On Saturday the 1st of March we are planning to take 20 students down to watch a performance at Artscape. It's always an exciting time for us and I hope that they will all be filled with inspiration.

Written by Mitya Sargeant



Our Resident Teacher Report:

Another exciting month as we have a good number of students pitching up for dance classes at Dancescape and this month has been coming with positive vibes because we had a visit from Zolani councilor Wankie Ndongeni. He talked about the work we do for the community, had ideas to share to continue with the work that we do, gave some words of wisdom to the students and promised to fully support us in the future then gave out some snacks and fruit to the kids.



We started the McGregor collaboration this month and had to bring out 14 promising students to these classes for this year which blew Miss Mary away and thank you to Dancescape and Gugulethu Ballet for the continuity support. I believe that there is a lot of talent in Zolani that needs to be nurtured and through this initiative the future looks bright for such students. Aviwe and Alakhe are doing an incredible job in the studio keeping the guys in shape, they have shown a level of teaching which is very exciting.

Written by Nqaba Mafilika



Above: Ward councilor Wankie Ndongeni (Centre) visit the DSA studio

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