

Dancescape South Africa (DSA) September 2024 Report

Dancescape South Africa (DSA) continues to facilitate daily dance classes in September of 2024 (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.

The Dancescape South Africa Directors Report:

This month was particularly exciting because of the Montagu Youth Arts Festival that took place on the 14th of September at the Montagu Civic Centre. If I had to compare our rehearsals and preparation for this years festival to last year, I must report that there were some big changes. This year the students showed a lot more commitment. They also listened to the teachers and me and applied the corrections. Last year it was difficult to get the students to respond and apply themselves and this showed in the results achieved. This year our results was a lot better. The Civic Centre was unfortunately far from ideal. The stage area is a tiled surface and there were no curtains and very limited dressing room space. However, the almost 40 dancers involved adapted very well and did their very best. We performed our 10 pieces in the morning and then watched the remaining program so that the young dancers could see what is happening in other schools.

The Montagu Youth Arts Festival Dancescape South Africa results:

1. The Gang	96%	Double Gold
2. Bolero	94%	Double Gold
3. The Call	94%	Double Gold
4. Bare	89%	Gold
5. Abomvelo	88%	Gold
6. Dancing Violin	88%	Gold
7. Happy	88%	Gold
8. Garland Dance	87%	Gold
9. Nae nae	86%	Gold
10. The Lion King	85%	Gold



*Dancescape South Africa
Montagu Youth Arts Festival
2024*



Dancescape South Africa Trophy's won:

Best Group Modern / Contemporary

The Gang

Best Group Ballet

The Garland Dance

Best Group Traditional Dance

Bare

Best Group Overall Entry

Bare

Best Choreographer / Teacher

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Congratulations to the dancers and the team for doing so well. Thank you for all your hard work, keep it going.



Above: Dancers during class and rehearsals

Nqaba Mafilika, our resident teacher's, report:

This month we had a wonderful group of plus 50 students coming and committed to their daily classes though it was exam time, and the weather was not favorable.

There was a moment where I felt a kind of environment, high energy and atmosphere being created whether in my class or Aviwe. The Saturday classes are working so well and think that the students are enjoying every moment of this because I am experiencing a great improvement from all involved.



We then went to the Montagu festival and thanks to Patricia, Aviwe and Mitya for all the input and the great assistance to achieve better results in this year's youth festival. One could easily see the team spirit, dedication and effort each student portrayed on that stage; I was so impressed.



Above and below: Captured during final dress rehearsal.



Aviwe is doing good work that is what I can confirm at the moment, but the kids are not receiving his energy or care which I find very sad. On the last day of this quarter, he made one of our students break into tears which was not nice.

Thank you Mitya for allowing Liseza to register for the Amapiano champions and we just cross fingers that she makes it.



Once again, we thank you for taking the time to read this report. Please visit our website at: <http://dancescapesouthafrica.org.za/> and follow us on social media.

Mitya Sargeant (CEO, and Director – Dancescape South Africa)

