

Dancescape South Africa (DSA) June 2024 Report

Dancescape South Africa (DSA) continues to facilitate daily dance classes in June 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, 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 a short month for us as the schools broke up for their holidays on the 14th of June. Usually during these holidays, we close the studio if we don't have any workshops planned. This year was no exception. It's also usually a cold and wet time of the year and gives our students and teachers a time to rest from dancing. Nqaba continued to teach and rehearse in the two weeks of the remaining school term time.

Some time went into planning a few upcoming events for both July and August. On the 13th of July we are going to see Balu Nivision's dance company called Baba Yaya perform at the Fugard theatre in Cape Town. On the 17th of July we are taking student to see the South African International Ballet Competition at Artscape. It's the competitions finals and should be very exciting. I am also very excited about the 25th of August were 10 of our dancers are going to perform at the Artscape Opera House. It is going to be very exciting for them to dance in such a huge theatre and be a part of the Cape Town City Ballets 90th celebration. Nqaba and Lihle Mfene choreographed an exciting piece together for this occasion. We had to apply for this event, and I am glad to say that we were one of the 20 studios selected.

On the 17th of June our student performed in Ashton at the Barnard Hall as part of this years Youth Day Celebrations. The event was organized by the Langeberg Municipality and in particular Octavia Richards-Liemens who did an amazing job of putting it all together. Thank you, Octavia. I must add that

there was an amazing atmosphere at this event that featured many other performers as well. Our dancers performed 2 pieces both choreographed by Nqaba. I was very pleased with both the junior and senior group who danced with high standards. A big thank you to Nqaba and Patricia.



Above: Local youth enjoying the day and the performance.

Nqaba Mafilika, our resident teacher's, report:

Although this was a short month for students, they have worked very hard through the times of their June exams, it was cold and raining but the attendant number was very high and that meant to me that some are dedicated, proving that they want to do something about themselves. Thanks

to miss Patricia for her huge help on the wardrobe and Mitya supporting my visions, for sharing the same vision and approving them.



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Above: Our juniors performing at the Youth Day Event in Ashton.



Above: The senior dancer in action at the Youth Day Event.

I would like to point out that there has been Chumisa at work trying to help as an assistant teacher, but I don't think she is fit for the kind of job and would really have to have self-discipline, passion and be a perfect example to these kids. She comes in chewing gum and sits on the chair and spends time on her phone which is not the person the organization would think of to train, spend money on and accept as a team member, which is sad.

On a good note, I'm so pleased with how everyone in the studio is working, concentrating, creating a good atmosphere and coming in to only work hard. This was proof when they did a Youth Day event in Ashton, the beginners and seniors showcasing their discipline, professionalism more than the other lot and surely the organizers will forever talk about Dancescape.

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)

