

AURORA-TASDANCE 2012 EDUCATION PROGRAM

Dance and Drama Teachers and Arts Coordinators

SUMMER SCHOOL **Launceston: Jan 16 – 21 & (NEW) Burnie: Jan 23 - 25**

Our popular annual Summer School offers contemporary choreographic workshops plus a special workshop in Hip-Hop/ Street Jam Funk on Saturday Jan 21 from 12-4pm which is particularly suitable for teachers. This year we are featuring the exceptional talents of industry professional Mashum Liberta (Sydney) who brings his unique magnetic style to this class.

Venue: Tasdance Studio in Launceston & Reflexions Dance Studio in Burnie

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CROSS CURRENTS **Annual Education Performance Project**

Now in its 15th year, this most successful and anticipated schools project aims to develop the technical skills and knowledge of secondary students and teachers. We are introducing a hip-hop element into the mix with contemporary dance by engaging Dean Cross who has cross discipline skills in both forms. With contemporary dancer Amelia McQueen, students will receive further technical understanding of both contemporary and Hip-Hop. Offered exclusively to Tasmanian secondary schools with a dance curriculum.

Workshops Feb 27 – March 23: *CROSS CURRENTS* begins with workshops conducted throughout the state with Dean and Amelia. These are suited for grades 8-12. Participants in the workshop series, who are in grade 10 or above, are then invited to audition for a place in the performance company. Auditions will take place March 26 - 28 in Hobart, Launceston and the north-west coast. *Bookings for these workshops are essential and to maximise your chances of receiving your preferred date please call or email the office by Monday 20 February.*

Cost \$175.00 per workshop.

Cross Currents performance bookings April 16 - 20: This student production is taken around the state featuring the talents of the selected young dancers who with Amelia and Dean will create new choreography utilising a fusion of dance forms. This show is appropriate for students of all ages. Book in early for both the workshops and performances as this is normally a sell out!

Suitability:

Launceston
Devonport
Hobart

Grades 5-12

Earl Arts Centre
DECC Devonport
Collegiate PAC

April 16 at 7pm & April 17 at 11am & 1pm
April 18 at 1pm & 7pm
April 20 at 11am, 1pm & 7pm

Cost: \$8 and one free teacher admission per 20 students.

Duration: 1 hour

VOLTAGE

Our major 2012 production – in-theatre

Two new commissions for Tasdance – two extraordinary choreographers, Larissa McGowan and Anna Smith. *Transducer*, a machine for converting energy, inspires Larissa McGowan in a vibrantly wrought examination of energy and adventurous Sydney composer Charlie Chan's score will heighten this interaction. The innovative and celebrated Anna Smith explores Raymond Kurzweil's concept of singularity and a cutting edge set and lighting design is being created by Frog Peck from Bluebottle.

To see a preview of Anna Smith's work in progress come to our Launceston studio Feb 24 at 6pm.

Suitability:

Princess Theatre
Theatre Royal

Grades 5-12
July 26 – 28
August 2- 3

Cost: \$8 for groups of > 10 & one free teacher admission per 20 students, otherwise advertised theatre costs apply.

Bookings essential: full payment required 2 weeks prior to performance.

Duration: 1 hour 20 mins

TASDANCE TOURING

IDENTITY IN BURNIE

Friday 11 May Burnie Arts & Function Centre only

Catch this "beautiful double bill" before its tour to nine venues in NSW & Victoria

"a beautiful double bill ... The first piece is agitated and edgy; the second is plush, calm and often extremely delicate as it revels in the continuity of life. They work very well together....it's wonderful to see such a diverse yet accomplished group of dancers...Rings has a strong gift for the theatrical moment."

Deborah Jones – The Australian

TEACHERS DAYS

Hobart and Launceston

A unique opportunity to see up close the choreographic processes of two extraordinary choreographers. Book in early to avoid disappointment. Load up on ideas - fantastic professional development opportunities for both new and experienced teachers.

❖ Anna Smith in rehearsal : date TBC June/July Launceston

Anna works as a choreographer and lecturer in composition and technique at the Victorian College of the Arts. She is an innovative and celebrated educator and artist with twenty years professional experience. She most recently choreographed for Tasdance the pieces *Four for a Boy and Five for Silver* in the *One for Sorrow, Two for Joy* season.

The day begins with company class in the Tasdance studio and then allows participants to view rehearsals plus a question and answer time with Anna and the Tasdance ensemble over lunch.

Venue: Tasdance Studios, 197 Wellington St, Launceston

Cost: \$80 which includes lunch

❖ Larissa McGowan: date TBC June/July Hobart & Launceston

Larissa joined ADT in 2000 and has since toured extensively nationally and internationally and is working with Tasdance to choreograph for *Voltage*. She received the 2003 Green Room Award for Best Female Dancer, and in 2004 she won the Helpmann Award for Best Female Dancer in a Ballet or Dance Work and the Australian Dance Award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Dancer.

WORKSHOPS AND RESIDENCES MADE TO ORDER

Tasdance offers a broad range of dance workshop options specially tailored to suit the individual needs of your students, school and staff. We can travel to all corners of the state with workshops from one hour to a one week residency with a variety of different outcomes including performances. The cost of a 1.5 hour workshop with one dance teacher is \$110 (1 hour) for primary and \$160 (1.5 hours) for secondary sessions.

NB: travel out of Launceston is additional.

We would love to visit your school in 2012!

Tasdance School of Performing Arts (TSPA) – Launceston based opportunity for students and teachers after hours for 10 weeks each term

TSPA offers classes in Contemporary Technique and Street Jam Funk for students aged 4 – Adult at all levels of experience.

Download the brochure www.tasdance.com.au/tspa or phone 6331 6644.

DVD's

Tasdance also has an extensive range of DVD's of past productions for sale. These are a great teaching resource for dance analysis and can introduce students to the work of the company. Cost \$35 including postage and handling and a program from the season.

Please contact the office on info@tasdance.com.au or 6331 6644 to register your interest.