

COLLIN DANCE



Fall 2015 Newsletter

Collin College Summer Dance Festival 2015 An Experience She Will Never Forget

By Sarah Maggard

Smiling faces, cheering loved ones, and a week's worth of hard work filled the John Anthony Theatre last Friday afternoon. Participants filled the first four rows of the auditorium, with family and friends seated close behind, to witness the eight dances performed that afternoon. The Collin Summer Dance Festival was an incredible experience that gave me memories of a lifetime.

Every dancer started his/her day with a bodywork class, followed by technique and repertory workshops ranging from Jazz and Hip-Hop to Musical Theatre. Each session was an hour long, and many of them had me sweating and smiling from my heart. Each was challenging in its own way. For instance, Pilates had me fighting to keep both core and alignment together while Professor Watters gave us the magic circles...of doom. Dancers of all levels participated, and each person had an opportunity to learn something new. Dance is far more than "pretty" or a "great workout." There is a great deal of dedication and sacrifice that goes into every performance.

Dance has the ability to teach so much more than body control. Professor Nelson's improvisation and contact partnering class resonated with me as she gave us tools to shape our movement and discover new ways to create choreography. We learned how to understand as well as create.

You could dance with anyone in the room; however, barriers only exist if you or someone else decides to create them. You could tell by dancing with someone if they were choosing to lead or follow. This form of silent partnership reflected and highlighted many principles within everyday relationships. Throughout the class friends were made instantly, and trust was built through movement. Every one of us discovered firsthand the potential within movement and physical communication.

I look forward to next year's festival and the new experiences it will bring! I would like to thank the Dance Department and faculty for hosting such a wonderful opportunity for each of us. Thank you!



Contact Partnering :
Sarah Maggard & Gabrielle Tate



Festival Classes
Yoga for Dancers
Pilates
Stretch and Strength
Beg/ Int. Ballet
Beg/ Int. Modern
Advanced Modern
Musical Theater Jazz
Tap
Contemporary
Jazz Variety
Beg/Int. Hip-Hop
Advanced Hip-Hop
Lyrical Jazz
Swing

More images available on
Instagram!
#collindancefest15

Access the video at:
<http://tinyurl.com/pbdudxl>

Save the Date!

Collin Summer Dance Festival 2016!

July 11-15, 2016

Upcoming Events

Rockin' the Ridge PRC Wednesday, October 7th 10am-1pm

Each fall the Preston Ridge Campus hosts a party! Join us for free food, music, and entertainment in the quad. Enjoy performances by several Collin College dance classes and take a break from the rigor of the semester.

Dance Fusion Concert SCC John Anthony Theatre

Friday, Nov. 6th at 8pm
Saturday, Nov. 7th at
2pm & 8pm

Join CDE members as they perform alongside guests from Texas and beyond in their fall concert.

(Further details - - >)

Informal Dance Concert SCC John Anthony Theatre

Thursday, Dec.
3rd at 7:30pm
Friday, Dec. 4th at 3pm
& 7:30pm

This exciting concert features dance students of all levels performing a variety of genres: Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop.

CDE AUDITIONS

August 15th at 10am
SCC-AA146



Dance Appreciation

DANC 2303

Fill your Fine Arts Core Curriculum requirement with Dance Appreciation!
Email tarnold@collin.edu for more details.

Collin Dance Association

Entering its second year, the Collin Dance Association works as a vehicle for both dancers and non-dancers alike. By providing free monthly workshops, this organization helps participants to connect, explore, and grow within the performing arts.

Never danced before? Looking for extra credit? Come try various styles of dance with the CDA! We are on Facebook and OrgSync, helping to keep you in the loop of both Collin Dance and CDA Events. So whether you believe that you have two left feet or one, come join us! Contact EMADDEN3@cougarmail.collin.edu

CDE's Dance Fusion Concert

Nov. 2-7

Each fall Collin Dance Ensemble hosts Dance Fusion, a dance event featuring professional dance companies. These invited artists and companies perform alongside CDE, exposing students and the community to various dance styles and dance companies. Performing alongside CDE this year: Illinois Sate University, Sam Houston Sate University, Texas Tech University and University of North Texas.



***FREE Master Classes at SCC! Nov. 2nd-7th
Taught by University/Fusion Guests***

Dancers with Dignity

From violence to dignity to evolving through action, the dance department, in conjunction with the college, is supporting the Dignity Initiative by bringing awareness of Gender Violence & Oppression. The Dignity Initiative empowers all to speak up and act now to affect and end violence and oppression.

Dance for Dignity
Performance
Oct. 23rd at 2:30pm
SCC Conference Center



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