Notes in Motion Outreach Dance Theatre

inspiring the next generation of dance enthusiasts
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a vendor of the NYC Dept. of Education

Mission
Notes in Motion Outreach Dance Theatre, a vendor of NYC Department of Education, offers a wide array of dance residency, professional development, interactive performance, and after-school programs that teach modern/creative dance, ballet, jazz, tap, African, hip hop, ballroom, yoga, and more. Programs foster self-discovery, risk-taking, and making connections between different topics, themes, and areas of learning. We aim to provide access to the art form of dance to inspire the next generation of dance.

Overview
Since 2000, Notes in Motion Outreach Dance Theatre has brought arts programs to over 65 schools and over 32,000 students in New York City. We have programs in all 5 boroughs and reach diverse student populations from PreK-12. As a vendor of the NYC Department of Education, our programs reflect the Common Core Learning Standards and align with the Department of Education’s Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in Dance.

Program Description
We create long-lasting arts partnerships with schools and inspire the greater community of that school with the beauty, magic, and vitality of dance. We do not offer any cookie-cutter programs. Each program is custom-tailored to the specific needs and population of each school partner. We work collaboratively with classroom teachers at every stage from program planning, implementation, performance/community sharing, assessment, and evaluation. Our Teaching Artists guide students through a unique creative process, creating connections with other academic subjects and fostering active learning — students are creators, improvisors, and collaborators. We have an Education Ensemble of 30 experienced Teaching Artists with advanced degrees and extensive performance and choreography backgrounds in several dance styles and techniques.

Program Goals
Dance Education
Provide high quality dance instruction that teaches creative movement fundamentals, promotes self-expression and self-esteem, and builds collaborative learning skills.

Collaboration
Design curriculum in conjunction with teachers and administrators that best fits the needs of each grade level and class group. Prepare teachers to be active participants.

Integration
Link residency curriculum to themes and topics students are studying in other academic subjects. Share creative teaching tools, classroom rituals, and follow-up activities with classroom teachers.

Community Building
Create opportunities for parents, guardians, and community members to engage with student arts learning thereby activating the life of the school.

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