



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Guelph Dance Offers Professional Development for Dance Teachers**

**Guelph, ON** (November 1, 2016) – Guelph Dance is offering a professional development workshop for dancers and dance teachers interested in learning best practices for teaching dance in public school settings. Guelph Dance’s Outreach Artistic Director Janet Johnson will teach the two-part workshop on Saturday, November 19 and Saturday, November 26, 4:00-5:30 pm, at John Galt Public School, 50 Laurine Avenue, Guelph. The cost to attend is membership in Guelph Dance (\$25).

Among the topics to be covered are teaching fundamental dance elements to children, managing a classroom, working with kids with special needs, communicating with school administrators and classroom teachers, and promoting creativity and confidence in the school dance student. Participants will begin to build a toolbox of activities that can be used to teach dance in schools. In addition, workshop attendees will be invited to co-teach in a school with Johnson for a half day. Those who attend the workshop and co-teach will be included on the Guelph Dance Educator Roster and be eligible to teach future Guelph Dance Workshops in Schools.

Workshop leader Janet Johnson has taught dance in schools for many years. She is co-founder of both Guelph Dance and the Guelph Youth Dance Training Program, and is an active teacher throughout the Guelph area. She holds a masters degree in dance from York University.

This professional development workshop is part of a year-long initiative called “Building the Next Generation.” It is made possible by the Community Fund for Canada’s 150th, a collaboration between The Guelph Community Foundation, the Government of Canada, and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast.

To reserve a spot in the workshop, please contact Guelph Dance at [info@guelphdance.ca](mailto:info@guelphdance.ca) or by phone at 519-780-2220. For more information, visit [www.guelphdance.ca](http://www.guelphdance.ca).

#### **About Guelph Dance**

Established in 1998, Guelph Dance is a nationally recognized leader in contemporary dance, offering a platform for professional, new-generation, and youth dance artists to share their

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vision, push creative boundaries, and engage community audiences.

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