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2020 Youth Moves Call for Submissions

Guelph, ON (September 23rd, 2019) – Guelph Dance is looking for four youth dance companies, from Southern Ontario, to participate in a collaborative performance project. The project will culminate in a performance during the 22nd annual Guelph Dance Festival on Sunday, May 31st as part of the [Youth Moves series](#).

Dancers should be between the ages of 12-19 and be prepared to rehearse a total of 8 -20 hours. The exact time commitment will depend on the level of involvement desired by each of the individual groups.

Meghan MacNeil, festival choreographer, will be available to come to your dance studio to create the piece during your regular company rehearsal times, or can work with your group in a more condensed time on a weekend, whichever works best for your company dancers schedules.

If you are interested, your company should provide a short video demonstrating your technical skill and performance ability- either through a past performance or through a technique class and short improvisation session.

For more information on this incredible opportunity for your company dancers please contact Catrina at catrina@guelphdance.ca.

More about the piece:

Ukiyo: Floating World is a piece that will take audience and performer alike on a journey, creating a universe; weaving together stories, memories, and newborn ideas. At the center of the creative process and the most critical idea in the development of this new work is the act of listening.

This piece will be performed as part of the Guelph Dance Festival on Sunday May 31st, 2020 at 5 pm.

All participants will be required to attend a rehearsal with all participating dancers in May (TBA) and technical rehearsals at the River Run Centre on Thursday May 28th and on Sunday May 31st.



More about Meghan MacNeil:



Meghan is a dance artist, choreographer, educator and lifelong student. Originally from Quispamsis New Brunswick, she began her dance education on the East coast. Further refining her craft, she graduated from Ryerson University in Toronto with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in dance.

Meghan has had the privilege of dancing and creating work in Toronto, the Maritimes, in high schools and Universities. She has also been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work and collaborate with many musicians, visual artists and filmmakers. These experiences continue to spark a creative interest in multi-disciplinary work as a means to communicate through art and dance.

Creating environments where students feel confident and inspired is something Meghan is passionate about. In conjunction with strong foundation technique, she



takes pride in developing educational experiences that lead students to discover their own creative voice. She believes strongly in empowering people through fostering confidence in personal expression by way of dance and movement.

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 vision, push creative boundaries, and engage community audiences.

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