



VOTIVE DANCE YOUTH PROJECT

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

A unique opportunity for dance students to work, learn, and perform in a new atmosphere. Selected students will learn a new dance piece choreographed by Stephanie Mitro, and have the opportunity to dance with other students from throughout Nova Scotia.

Stephanie's new choreography will be performed in Votive Dance's Main Stage Spring performance, May 18-20, 2017 at The David Mack. Murray Studio Theatre (Dalhousie Arts Centre) in Halifax. This is the company's annual spring performance, students will be performing in a show with professional dance artists!

There is no cost to be a part of this program (with the exception of a \$15 audition fee). Votive Dance would like to thank The Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage and Maritime Dance Academy for their support in this project.

DATE AVAILABILITY:

September 25/16 - Audition (see below for details)

November 6, 13, 20, 27 (2016)- Rehearsal period 1
*11am-12pm warm up class with rotating guest teachers
*12-2pm rehearsal
Location: Maritime Dance Academy, 36 Duke St, Bedford

February 5, 12, 19, 26 (2017) - Rehearsal period 2
*11am-12pm warm up class with rotating guest teachers
*12-2pm rehearsal
Location: Maritime Dance Academy, 36 Duke St, Bedford

May 7 & 14, 2017 - Rehearsal period 3

*11am-12pm warm up class with rotating guest teachers

*12-2pm rehearsal

Location: Maritime Dance Academy, 36 Duke St, Bedford

May 18, 2017 - Technical & dress rehearsal

David Mack. Murray Theatre, Dalhousie Arts Centre

(Time TBD)

May 18-20, 2017 - Performances

David Mack. Murray Theatre, Dalhousie Arts Centre

8pm each night

AUDITION INFO:

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Location: DANSpace on Grafton, 1531 Grafton St, Halifax

3rd Floor

Registration: 11-11:30am (Please do not arrive before 11am)

Audition: 11:30am-1pm

Ages: 14-21

Audition fee: \$15

The audition will consist of contemporary and jazz components, led by Votive Dance's co-founders, Stephanie Mitro and Kathleen Doherty.

Students must attend the audition to be considered for the program. If any of the rehearsal or performance dates are of concern, we encourage students to attend the audition. Double casting and/or understudy roles will also be possible.

TO REGISTER FOR THE AUDITION PLEASE EMAIL VOTIVEDANCE@GMAIL.COM

Feel free to contact the email listed above with any questions.

ABOUT THE COMPANY:

Votive Dance has been a registered non for profit dance company since its inception in 2012. The company was founded by dance artists Kathleen Doherty and Stephanie Mitro, and has been under the Artistic Direction of Doherty since 2012. Votive Dance is a Halifax based dance company, which has been creating and performing new and exciting works throughout the HRM over the past four years. Since 2012 the company has commissioned new works by: Jacinte Armstrong, Rhonda Baker, Kathleen Doherty, Catherine Hayward, Katelyn McCulloch, Stephanie Mitro, Dyana Sonik-Henderson & Amanda Stafford. These works plus others have been performed at Neptune Studio's Scotiabank Studio Theatre, Alderney Landing Theatre, DANSpace on Grafton, The Middle Spoon, Noble, as a part of The Atlantic Fringe Festival, as well as touring to Moncton, Saint John, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto & Montreal. Currently the company is working towards its Spring 2017 performance which will feature a newly commissioned work by Lydia Zimmer, a remount of a 2013 work by Kathleen Doherty, and a new student piece choreographed by Stephanie Mitro (Votive Dance Youth Project).

ABOUT THE CHOREOGRAPHER:



Stephanie Mitro is a dancer from Toronto, Ontario with a focus in contemporary, ballet, jazz, modern, tap, acrobatics and hip hop dance. She graduated from Ryerson University with a BFA degree in Theatre Performance Dance in 2008, completed the Professional Training Program at Decidedly Jazz Danceworks in 2009 and performed events for many choreographers and dance

companies on the West and East Coast. As a choreographer, professional performance groups, competitive studios, workshops, schools and dance festivals have presented her work across Canada. She is the co-founder of Votive Dance Company in Halifax and has currently been performing in different festivals across Canada with Votive Dance.