

Contemporary Dance Workshop
– on the occasion of International Dance Day – 2007
Kolkata- India

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I would like to inform you all of **International Dance Day Celebrations in Kolkata, on the 29th of April, 2007**, being jointly organized by the WDA- West Bengal and the West Bengal Dance Group Federation, with the help of the Government of West Bengal, and the Government of India.

We have planned two ten day long workshops on contemporary dance with two WDA-AP (young choreographers if possible, but that is negotiable).

The World Dance Alliance – West Bengal Chapter has decided to invite two choreographers from member countries of the Asia –Pacific region, who would be working with approximately 25 dancers each.

The final performance of the outcome, ideally about 8 - 9 minutes each, will be on the evening of the 29th of April, 2007

We would ideally like to have two choreographers who can take care of the travel expenditure themselves, but will be given local hospitality and transport within the city, in Calcutta during their stay. The choreographers may be from any contemporary dance background and may not necessarily be familiar with Indian dance styles. Though we would like them to be aware that the body training of Indian dancers are very different and is born out of a strong rooted-ness of Indian Dance tradition. It may be necessary for the choreographer to be able to negotiate with the differences and come out with a contemporary short presentation.

The Group of participants will be chosen by the WDA-WB and the WBDGF, out of the interested applicants. The work that comes out of it will be showcased in the evening performance of the International Dance Day Celebrations. That evening will also have works of choreographers from West Bengal (all of 5/6 minutes duration only, to accommodate the most).

The workshop will start on the 16th of April, 2007, and will continue till the 27th of April, 2007. The International Dance Day Celebration on the 29th of April, will showcase the choreographic outcome of the workshop. Please note that the choreographers will need to arrive in Kolkata by the 15th of April, 2007.

The Choreographer needs to be a member of the WDA-AP to be able to apply for this Workshop.

The application needs to be accompanied by an endorsement of the Chapter-head.

The past workshops have had choreographers from Taiwan (2), Australia (2), and Malaysia (1). While we would welcome all the applications from all countries, the other member countries are also encouraged to apply. The application form needs to be sent to all the five members of the review committee, whose email addresses are provided with the form.

As the Chairperson of the Adhoc committee, I would like to request the chapter-heads of all the other member countries of WDA-AP to ensure that the announcement is circulated within each member country.

In spite of our inability to provide for the international airfare, we are hoping that there will be choreographers who would want to experience and participate in this event.

Please see the online form below.

With warm wishes,

Dr. Urmimala Sarkar Munsu,
Chairperson, Adhoc Committee,
World Dance Alliance – West Bengal

Online Application form for choreographers

To be sent to

1. Mohd. Anis Md Nor: anisor@um.edu.my
2. Nannette Hassel: n.hassall@ecu.edu.au
3. Yunyu Wang: ywang@coloradocollege.edu
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5. Urmimala Sarkar Munsri: urmimala.sarkar@gmail.com

Photograph
Needed only for
the hard copy

Deadline for submission online: 30th January , 2007
2007

It would be greatly appreciated one photograph of a choreographic work of the applicant can be sent with the online application.

Please note: All applications are to be endorsed by covering letters the Chapter-heads.

1. Name:
2. Age:
3. Sex:
4. Nationality:
5. Address:
6. Phone:
7. Mobile:
8. Fax:
9. Email:
10. Details of Passport:
 - Passport Number
 - Date of Issue
 - Date of Expiry
 - Place of Issue
11. Date of Birth:
12. Occupation:
13. Awards:
14. A brief (10 line) bio and CV:
15. Choreographic Experience:
16. A brief concept of the work you would like to do in the current choreographic project.
17. Why are you interested in the current project.

18. Please send a VCD / DVD, along with a hard copy of your application to:

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(Deadline for receiving VCDs and DVDs: 10th February, 2007)