

media advisory

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High School students compete at Eastside Dance Festival

For Immediate Release

CALGARY — The 8th annual Eastside Dance Festival will bring together more than 300 students from 11 schools from the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Catholic School District. The event was created to foster positive relationships and community amongst potentially at-risk youth and to provide dance opportunities for underprivileged students in the city of Calgary.

During a two-day workshop series, students take classes from a variety of professionals at Decidedly Jazz Danceworks and experience what it is like to be a young professional dancer. Through the workshop series, students are able to build connections and friendships while also making connections with working professional artists and companies including: Decidedly Jazz Danceworks, illFx Entertainment, Free House Dance Plus, Trip The Light and RSVP33. These local companies provide class instruction to students, as well as bursaries and scholarships to some of the most promising dancers, allowing students to continue pursuing dance outside of school. This year, a workshop based around Pow Wow dance styles will be offered.

The festival will conclude with a performances at the University of Calgary's School of Creative and Performing Arts on Tuesday, April 30. An esteemed panel of adjudicators will provide feedback on the student performances and the most promising dancers will be recognized for their achievements.

Media are invited to speak with and photograph/videotape the workshop rehearsals. Students, teachers and dancers are also available for interviews.

Event Details

Date: Friday, April 26, 2019
 Time: 9 – 11:20 a.m.
 Place: Decidedly Jazz Danceworks, 111 12 Ave. S.E.
 Contact: Janelle Farrara at 403-606-9770

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Note: Principals have a responsibility to limit media coverage only to students approved for interviews. Reporters attending an event are requested to receive permission from a CBE contact before interviewing or photographing students. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and for joining us in celebrating public education

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