

**DANCESTREAMS YOUTH DANCE COMPANY**  
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**DANCE ODYSSEY 2019**

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Dear Teachers & Studio Directors,

Dancestreams Youth Dance Company is excited to invite you and your students to join us once again for a fun-filled performance day at the Port Theatre in Nanaimo. Over the years, Dance Odyssey has become a much anticipated event for dancers throughout Vancouver Island, as we all come together in our mutual love of dance, in all its forms. The audiences all look forward to seeing the amazing choreography and dancing from all the diverse areas of our Island. We hope to have your studio represented at "Dance Odyssey 2019" to be held Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Nanaimo's Port Theatre. All dance studios on Vancouver Island are invited to perform one (or perhaps two, depending on response) pieces in this evening performance at one of the Island's top professional theatres. We require that the pieces include a minimum of three dancers, age 10 & over. Dancestreams is honoured to host an event featuring some of the most talented youth dancers from our region, in an outstanding and varied program of dance.

Additionally, we will offer master classes at three levels with guest teacher Emmalena Fredriksson (at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, adjacent to the Port Theatre) This is a wonderful opportunity for dancers from every community to come together in a joint celebration of dance. These classes fill quickly- please encourage your dancers to register early to avoid disappointment! No need to worry about conflicts between stage rehearsals & master classes- those dancing in the evening performance will have their stage rehearsals scheduled around their master classes, as long as registrations are received prior to **January 7, 2019**. The Conference Centre is conveniently located adjacent to the theatre & parking, making participation at both venues a breeze for both dancers and teachers.

**Returning this year**- Dancestreams will be awarding a series of **bursaries** during the evening performance. Each studio is invited to nominate one participating student to receive a bursary. Nomination forms are included with your registration package. Bursaries are also awarded each year based on performance in the master classes.

**Please respond with your studio performance entries by December 15, 2018.** Entries accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Rehearsal schedules will be e-mailed by January 14, 2019. Master class entries will be accepted until classes are filled.

Dance Odyssey has come to be a tradition of the dance season, featuring an immense variety of dance styles & groups! Last year's show was one of the best ever! Please join us in what will surely be one of the highlights of the year!

Sincerely,



Patricia MacKenzie  
Artistic Director  
Dancestreams Youth Dance Company