



DANCESCAPE SOUTH AFRICA

Uplifting People Through Dance

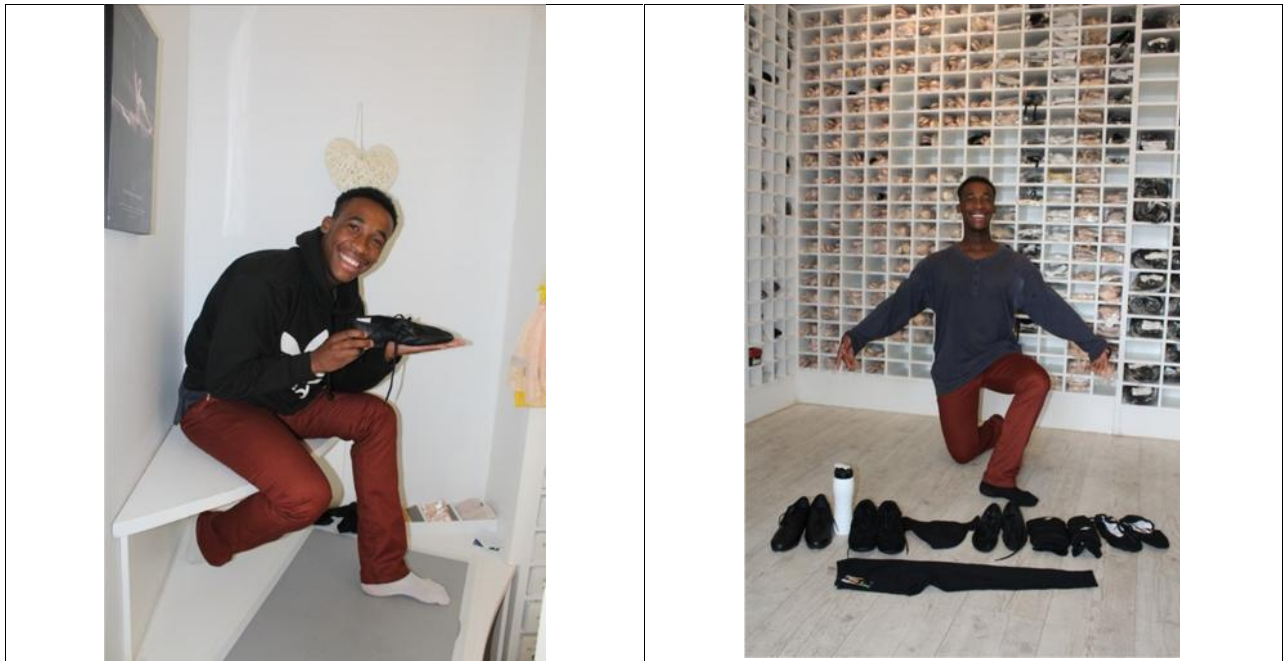
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Daily dance classes continued throughout June 2017 (3.00pm – 6.00pm Venue AFM Church –Mantlane Road Zolani Ashton) engaging children in beginner and senior dance sessions. Attendance was a little lower this month due to School exams. Dancescape South Africa appreciates the importance of the kids passing their grades and taking their academics seriously.



On the 11th of June I drove Lihle Mfene down to Rondebosch, Cape Town and to a shop called Ballet World. Lihle is one of our senior dancers and a trainee teacher. A wonderful and generous lady by the name of Louise Kent had somehow heard about Lihle Mfene and his upcoming trip to the United States of America. Lihle has been given a full scholarship to attend the Bates Dance Festival in Maine. It's taken months of preparation but with the help of Suzi Pond, from America, we managed to get visa's and flights booked. Suzi will be hosting Lihle when he arrives in the United States. What an amazing time we had on that day and just wanted to say a really big THANK YOU to Louise Kent and her team for their kind donation to Lihle. He has literally gone from no togs at all to completely kitted out thanks once again to their generosity. We loved how professionally the staff dealt with Lihle. He was now so ready for the summer school in Maine which is coming up soon.



On Youth Day, the 16th of June, Dancescape South Africa was involved with the second Kultuurkis performance. Hosted and organized by the RAD Foundation and sponsored by the Langeberg Municipality. Our dancers shared the Ashton Civic Centre stage with many other performers from around the area. They performed three new pieces and it was wonderful for many of the junior dancers to be performing on stage and in costume for the very first time. A fun day was had by all. It was rewarding for all the dancers to show off all their hard work after weeks of rehearsal.





The day had finally arrived for a very excited Lihle Mfene, this being the 20th of June 2017. Lihle was on his way to the USA, and to the Bates Dance Festival. We drove him and his Cousin down to the Cape Town International Airport on that day. His Cousin Zak came along to give him some moral support. All the very best to you Lihle, bon voyage. We returned home on that frosty June night feeling excited for this young man who is no doubt going to have the time of his life. This trip would not have been possible without the help and support of Suzi Pond. Dancescape South Africa would like to thank you Suzi for all that you have done. We have subsequently heard that Lihle has been given the opportunity to attend the Bates Dance Festival for Professionals which will take place directly after the Festival that he is currently attending. Suzi is trying to change his return flight so that he can complete this festival.





Throughout the month of June I have been conducting workshops to teach the trainee teachers to teach. Dancescape South Africa realizes the need to have more teachers on the ground. These teachers can also then teach in other areas giving the project the opportunity to expand. At these workshops the trainees are learning how to make the exercises simpler for those who have not danced ballet before. We are looking closely at how to avoid injuries and why we do these strange exercises. It's important that the trainees understand all the reasons why they are doing each exercise at the barre and in the centre practice.

On the 25th of June a very special and dear friend of Fiona, Sarah Duley, launched an online crowd funding campaign. It's called youcaring and it's a way of fundraising. This particular campaign can be found at: <https://www.youcaring.com/fionaandmityaatdancescape-825720> Dancescape South Africa is a Non-Profit Organization and relies purely on donations. The campaign is online for a limited time period and her target that she appealed for has already doubled.

Once again we thank you for taking the time to read this report. Please visit our website at: <http://dancescapesouthafrica.org.za/> and follow us on social media.

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