

## **Dancescape South Africa September Report 2017**

Daily dance classes continued throughout August 2017 (3.00pm – 6.00pm Venue AFM Church –Mantlane Road Zolani Ashton) engaging children in beginner and senior dance sessions.

It is with great sadness that I must tell you that Fiona Sargeant has passed away peacefully on the 23rd of September. As many of you may know Fiona lost her fight against cancer. The objective of Dancescape South Africa is to keep Fiona's legacy alive. Her legacy is to uplift and develop rural disadvantaged kids through dance. Fiona has planted the seed which now need to be watered, nurtured and allowed to grow. Our desire is to preserve this legacy for the longest time. She was a very special person, full of energy, love and passion for life and the dance. She will be sorely missed. We believe that she is dancing on high.









Teacher Fiona, thank you for sharing your life with us, for all your love, enthusiasm, compassion and energy. For that voice that could pull a class back into order and yet give such delightful praise and encouragement. We really really love you  
Teacher Fiona

Dancescape South Africa was involved with this years Montagu Makiti festival held over the Heritage Day weekend. Our dancers performed at the Mime Time show on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September at the Montagu Civic Centre. It was a hugely successful evening and from all reports the dancers who performed in 5 pieces throughout the night were outstanding.

Dancescape South Africa continues to facilitate classes in Zolani Township. I would like to thank Annelize Engelbrecht for managing events and classes especially after the passing of our beloved Fiona. I thank the trainee teachers Lihle, Milissa and Anele for also the teaching and help at this difficult time. Many of the senior pupils attended Fiona's memorial service held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. Once again thanks to Annelize for making this possible. A big thank you to the DSA board members and in particular Bouwien Gordan and Liana Jansen for their love and support at this very sad time. Finally a big thank you to all who expressed their sorrow and condolences. Fiona had touched so many lives in her most beautiful way.

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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