

## Dancescape South Africa December 2017 Report

Daily dance classes continued for the first week of December 2017 (3.00pm – 6.00pm Venue AFM Church –Mantlane Road Zolani Ashton) in the school term, engaging children in beginner and senior dance sessions.

This was Dancescape South Africa's final week of training for 2017. The kids were already on school holidays and numbers were lower as many of the kids went away. 2017 has been an intense year for most of the kids, having worked so hard for so many guest teachers in October and November, they were all feeling tired, however we had a final week to finish with a lot to offer. (DSA) had four guest teachers for this final week.



Above: Some of our Guest Teachers

Anica Catharina Louw as guest teacher:

On Monday the 4th of December we were visited by Catharina Louw (Anica Louw), owner of Shawbrook Dance in Ireland. Anica who is originally from South Africa had seen and heard of our project through Facebook and knows Mthuthuzeli November . She conducted a 2 hour workshop with the kids and showed her years of dance experience. It was an awesome afternoon and the kids enjoyed it immensely. Anica also brought with her 2 boxes of dance togs which she had collected from various studios and individuals in Ireland. Each student received an item. Christmas had literally come early this year. A sincere thank you to all those who donated these dance togs to Dancescape. We thank you Anica for your visit. Take care and enjoy the rest of your travels around South Africa.



## Sydwell Speelman and Antio Arendorf do Hip Hop:

On Tuesday the 5th of December 2017 our Dancescape South Africa kids had a treat. Sydwell Speelman (aka Appel) and Antio Arendorf came to visit and did an afternoon of Hip Hop. Wow these two are so cool and got our kids doing Hip Hop in no time. They all had a lot of fun. Thanks to Helen from the RAD Foundation Rural Arts Development who made this possible. Thanks Appel and Antio for a great high energy afternoon.



## Manie Irving as guest teacher:

Manie Irving, the younger brother of Farouk Irving who was guesting with DSA last month, was our guest teacher on the 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Manie much like Farouk has had a extensive amount of experience dancing professionally. He trained both here in South Africa and in the UK at the Urdang Academy of the Performing Arts. He performed with Playhouse Dance Company, The Fantastic Fish Dance Company, Cape Town City Ballet,

The Bovim Ballet and performed and taught at the Ikapa Dance Company. He has performed in many musicals, most notably Mr Mistoffelees in Cats. It was a pleasure to see him teach mostly a contemporary style and the kids had a fabulous time. Thank you Manie for your time guest teaching our kids.





Dancescape South Africa decides on a permanent teacher:

It has been many weeks of guest teachers invited to teach our Zolani kids. Many of these were also applying for the teaching post that I had advertised via Facebook. I needed to see how they interacted with the students, if their teaching style and vision was in line with that of Dancescape and preserving Fiona's Sargeant legacy. The guest teachers were also given an opportunity to get to understand the working environment and to decide if it was what they wanted to do. Finally after shortlisting three candidates from several local and international candidates we arrived at a decision. It is with great pleasure that I present the Irving brothers, Farouk and Manie Irving. These brothers have often worked together and will continue as the new Dancescape South Africa Teachers. They will officially start their teaching work at the beginning of the first school term in 2018. Thank you Farouk and Manie, we hope that your teaching days with DSA will be a huge success.



Farouk Irving (new Dancescape Dance Teacher) above:

Manie Irving (new Dancescape Dance Teacher) below:



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