

FIRST CITY

Monthly Newsletter



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BREATHE DANCE

International Dance Day was marked by a very special performance. FCSD Young Company, Choreography Lab students and our adult dance community performed!

TEACHING ARTISTS

Two of our educators performed in a very exciting multi-disciplinary performance.

FRIENDS SHARE DANCE

Bring Your Friend to Dance Week was a huge hit! Thanks for helping us build our dance community.

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Bring a Friend to Dance Week

We were thrilled by the response of *Bring Your Friend to Dance Week*. So many friends and so much fun! Thank you to all our families for sharing our school with others. Our dance community of families who support dance education and its art form is growing thanks to you!

This will be an annual tradition during National Dance Week.



Jazz 1/2 and Friends



It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Have That Swing - Choreography Melissa Feltus

TEACHING ARTISTS

What they can offer to students

Ms. Marcia and Ms. Sarah continue to work as professional dance artists and just wrapped up a very exciting multidisciplinary project with a performance at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton on Saturday, April 30th. They were two of fourteen dance artists from the province who participated in *Isolated Together*; a work that began in 2020 in partnership with the Atlantic Ballet Theatre, Theatre New Brunswick and the Beaverbrook Art Gallery.

Dance educators who still contribute to the art form through new works and collaborations benefit our students in many ways. Two of these have an immediate impact on a dancer's education.

Dance as an art form has been depleted over the years with a focus on competition. At FCSD, we focus on the artistry of dance. Our students are involved in the creative process from a young age. They see and understand how the creation of dance evolves over time; that it's more than just a step and some tricks and that each dancer has something unique to share, to express and how important collaboration is to the process.

The other wonderful benefit is the connection to the professional artistic community. We offer workshops, talks and intensives where students can learn from other artists. Opportunities outside of their dance classes enhance their experience and help grow versatile dancers.

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Audience Perspectives

We were overjoyed by the many people who filled the seats of the theatre on International Dance Day. Here are a few reviews from our audience members.

"*Breathe Dance*, a breath of fresh air. A well attended event that brought joy and provoked a strong sense of togetherness, closeness and happiness amongst the audience members." ~ Yves

"Marcia Dysart, you certainly have created a dance company that can BREATHE. The talent expressed effortlessly by First City School of Dance tonight was wonderful " ~Darlene

" The audience was captured by the passion and skill brought forward by these young dancers and choreographers. It's one of the best dance shows I have attended. First City School of Dance is doing something very special in Saint John " ~Sabrina



Breathe Dance Finale



Freedom- Adult Tap