

London Community Players and the Canadian Children's Dance Theatre present
TEASING GRAVITY – dances for the young and fearless

March 02 – 04, 2011

**FREE ADMISSION to schools in the Strathroy, Tillsonburg and St. Thomas regions!
Grades 2 – 12**



Canadian Children's Dance Theatre is a modern dance company of extraordinary young artists based in Toronto. Founded in 1980 by Deborah Lundmark and Michael deConinck Smith to present gifted next-generation dancers in professional productions, CCDT has staged more than one thousand performances from Barrie to Beijing and has been hailed by the Globe and Mail as "a national treasure". Featured performers for young audiences at the Canada Dance Festival and International Children's Festivals throughout Canada, CCDT will inspire and thrill 20,000 Ontario elementary students over the coming season.

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TEASING GRAVITY – dances for the young and fearless is a thrilling adventure in movement that features dances by some of Canada's leading choreographers. Animated by Artistic Director, Deborah Lundmark, the program includes a fabulous array of dances selected to leave you and your students breathless with the art's possibilities.

Location: Palace Theatre, 710 Dundas Street East, London

Performance Times: March 02 – March 04, 10:15am & 12:45pm

Admission: FREE! Thanks to generous support from the Ontario Arts Council, and an anonymous donor, LCP and CCDT are able to provide subsidized admission to a program valued at \$25!

Box Office: To book tickets, please contact the Palace Theatre at 519.432.1029.

Curriculum Support Material: Download a 2011 *TEASING GRAVITY Performance Guide* from the Educational Outreach page on our website (www.ccdt.org), which includes a brief history of Canadian dance, theatre etiquette, suggested curriculum-based exercises and a reading list.

Need help with the New Arts Curriculum? CCDT offers dance workshops to students and teachers incorporating the NEW Arts Curriculum expectations.

DANCEPLAY WORKSHOPS

CCDT offers 1-hour movement workshops for students wishing to personally experience what they have seen on stage. The movement material is based on the same principles and style practiced by CCDT's dancers, and elements of class content are drawn from the NEW Ontario Dance Curriculum expectations.

Location: Gymnasium and/or auditorium at your school

Enrolment: Limit 35 students per workshop

Cost: \$100.00 (plus HST)

DANCEGUIDE Professional Development Sessions ... a hands-on workshop for teachers of the NEW Arts Curriculum

CCDT offers professional development workshops for teachers of dance. These popular curriculum-based 3 hour sessions are designed by Deborah Lundmark whose 35 years' experience teaching dance to children provides participants with a practical understanding of teaching dance in a school environment.

Cost: \$50 p/teacher – or – Groups of 15 & more: \$600 total (plus HST)

To book workshops contact CCDT at 416 924 5657

Residency Feedback



If you ever do a show again – I will be there! Now I know to sign up for dancing.

Student, Peterborough Residency

This programme is not only a tremendous idea, it is essential. We need to bring arts to young people, otherwise our theatres will be dark in years to come...The residency program will go a long way to creating that appetite.

Michael Grit, Manager, Sanderson Centre, Brantford (host venue for three Residencies)

...Thank you so much for all the energy, enthusiasm and artistry that you have packed into the last 2 weeks. Our school, our dancing and most importantly the dancers have gained HUGE amounts from all that you have brought and all that you so willingly gave them. They have all grown as artists and dancers.

Teacher, Eastwood CI teacher, Kitchener Residency

Even though it's the last day before March Break, I couldn't leave on holiday without telling you how much we enjoyed the performance. Our entire primary division attended and the students and teachers were thrilled. We can hardly wait to dance back in class! We look forward to CCDT coming back soon!

Teacher, Regent Park Elementary School, Simcoe County Residency

That was amazingly, radically, incredibly weird, but awesome.

Student, St. Catharines Residency

CCDT's unique combination of international touring experience, years of educational programming and a repertoire of top notch and age appropriate Canadian contemporary choreography meant that they were received with tremendous enthusiasm and respect throughout the region.

Lisa Doolittle, Now Showing Live Arts Series, University of Lethbridge, Alberta Tour

As the music and drama teacher of the school, for some time I have been looking for a performance that would introduce our students to modern dance. Your show was exactly what I was looking for, and more. Not only was it entertaining and beautifully performed, but the commentary and the fact that the dancers were young people made the show that much more accessible for our students.

Janet Kennedy, Music/Drama Specialist, Edgewater Elementary School

... the dance seemed effortless yet had a toughness and electric sizzle that made you hold your breath...the technical and professional quality of your performances led us to a new plateau!

Moira McIntyre, Blue Mountain Foundation for the Arts, Collingwood Residency

Thank you ... for allowing my class to attend this performance. The children were absolutely delighted with the dancers! It was certainly an art form that many had not been exposed to. We would be thrilled to be able to return to another performance in future years. Thank you once again for reaching out to the community. It is certainly appreciated!

Teacher, St. Boniface Catholic School, Toronto Residency

I go to dance/gymnastics and to me you guys are my idols!

Student, Teasing Gravity school series, Toronto Residency

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Teacher, Toronto Catholic District School Board, Toronto Residency