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Information Package for Schools

Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in the Wildfire Dance Theatre program for your school or venue. The Wildfire Dance Theatre (WDT) is a social and economic development project, consisting of youth artists dedicated to promoting unity in diversity by addressing international development and social issues through the performing arts. Wildfire is under the umbrella of the Nancy Campbell Collegiate Institute in Stratford, Ontario. WDT performs dance theatre or story-telling dance drama on various global issues such as racial unity, the equality of women and men, and the extremes of wealth and poverty.

Vision

"Wildfire Dance Theatre, while honouring and celebrating the diversity of our planet, endeavours to uplift audiences with inspiring stories of people overcoming social inequality, thus realizing the oneness of humanity. Comprised of youth artists from all corners of the globe, Wildfire functions as a stage to cultivate an ever-increasing organizational, moral, and artistic excellence in all who serve in its ranks. It is this spirit of service that will spread like Wildfire!"

Wildfire Dance Theatre can create many opportunities to bring international social concerns to the attention of both youth and adults. The Theatre has proven capable of provoking great interest in social ills in a short period of time.

What can Wildfire Dance Theatre do for your School?

Wildfire's performance captivates student audiences and inspires within them an interest in international development and social issues. It also provides an excellent opportunity for teachers to create thoughtful discussion in the class that connects to current learning themes in the classroom. Performances encourage students to become informed about world issues and become active participants in being the change they want to see in the world.

Wildfire Dance Theatre can be booked to perform in your school, addressing global citizenship, international development and various social issues such as gender equality, racism, human rights, poverty, substance abuse, AIDS and unity in diversity. After the WDT performance the group members conduct workshops in the classrooms to further the discussion and exploration of global citizenship and social issues. Wildfire Dance Theatre also offers educational resource materials which can be left behind with teachers to further the study of world citizenship in the classroom.

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NEW!!

Educational resource materials are now available to supplement the Wildfire Dance Theatre performances in schools. These resources are an exciting tool for teachers to use, which address the social and moral principles portrayed in the WDT performance. The resources include focused activities to encourage students to explore international development and social issues in an interactive format.

How to Book a WDT Performance at your School

Wildfire normally visits a community for a period of one to two weeks. It is rare that the group will visit a community for only a day or two. Sometimes there are exceptions to this rule. Your school may be approached by a local community member who is planning to host the group in your community. If this is the case, then you can book Wildfire Dance Theatre to perform in your school with this individual.

If this does not occur and you would like to have WDT visit your school please call WDT's tour booking agent to find out when the group will be visiting your community or a community nearby.

Wildfire Dance Theatre's tour booking agent is Jenny Bender, she can be reached at (519) 272-1900.

To confirm your Wildfire booking please complete the **booking confirmation form**, fax a copy to Wildfire and give a copy to Wildfire's community host.

What are the Requirements of a Performance?

To ensure a professional performance Wildfire asks that venues assist them by providing the following:

- **2 hours set up time** – This includes set-up, sound check, warm-up and meditation and helps to ensure consistent quality of the show.
- **A performance space of 20ft x 30ft** - This is in consideration that our choreography requires a stage size of 18ft x 24ft and that we need room for our backdrop and changing area.
- **Drinking water** - Each performer needs 1L of drinking water for every performance. Plastic bottles are preferred.
- If WDT will be at your school for a full day it would be ideal if the group could be provided with **lunch** so that they do not have to leave the premises.
- **Electrical outlets - For the sound system.**
- Please note that concrete, carpet, and grass are very hard surfaces to dance on and are not preferred.

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What is the length of the show?

Please note that Wildfire Dance Theatre's performance can be catered to the needs of your school, although a full show runs approximately an hour and a half, the show can be tapered down to run for thirty minutes to an hour. You can choose the pieces you would like performed and remove those they would prefer not to showcase. There are some limitations to this. Please consult with the "Show Captains" on site if a selection is requested.

Does Wildfire Charge a Fee for Performances?

As a Social Economic Development Project, WDT is committed to continued growth and expansion. To ensure WDT's future this project must be self-sustaining. The cast members pay tuition to cover a portion of the costs. The main generation of income for this SED project is through donations or honorariums from the shows. The third avenue that the committee pursues is the use of fundraisers and grants.

Honorariums (Donations)

We now require charitable donations as a means of supporting our costs. The **suggested honorarium** amount is **\$350.00 per performance**.

Some schools may choose to donate more. However, in the case where schools cannot cover the costs it is suggested that **each student bring a loony** to watch the performance. In the event where a student cannot pay they should be allowed to see the performance none-the-less.

***Note:** Donations or Honorariums for WDT should be given to Wildfire's finance person at the place of performance or mailed to:

Wildfire Dance Theatre
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The **Costs for Operation of Wildfire Dance Theatre** include the following but are not limited to:

- 2 vehicles
- Repairs to vehicles and insurance
- Sound System
- Staging equipment
- Costumes
- Travel Expenses
- Logistical expenses
- Food
- Lodging

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Now a social development project of the Nancy Campbell Collegiate Institute and a participant in CIDA's global classroom initiative Wildfire enters its eighth year of operation with exciting plans of expanding its efforts throughout the world!

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For further information on international development, you can visit CIDA's Youth and Teacher Zone websites at:

<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/youthzone.htm>

<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/teacherzone.htm>

Thank you!

We hope that we have provided your school with sufficient information to begin the process of booking the Wildfire Dance Theatre. Thank you for your time and consideration in planning to host Wildfire at your school. There will naturally be more questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us. We are very excited about the possibility of visiting your school.

As you watch the group inspire hearts and ignite change in your school, you will soon realize that this will be a time you will never forget.

Respectfully,

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Confirmation of Booking

School: _____

School Address: _____

Contact Person and Phone Number: _____

Date and Time of Performance: _____

Length of Performance _____

Age Range of Students: _____ Number of Students Expected to Attend: _____

Are there any particular issues you would like to see addressed in the show? Please check mark:

- Racism
- Domestic Violence
- Equality of Men and Women
- Poverty
- AIDS
- Drugs and Alcohol (Substance Abuse)
- Gang Violence
- Multiculturalism (Unity in Diversity)

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Please insure that you have read over the information package and sign below to confirm your booking with Wildfire Dance Theatre.

Wildfire Representative

Date

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