

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter 2018!

The big news for us is the immense joy we had at the start of the year working with choreographer Suzannah McCreight to rework and rediscover her incredible production *Bread of Life*. *Bread of Life* is a stirring response to the invitation 'Come and eat', unravelling the heart of Christian tradition, communion or Eucharist. The time we spent with Suzannah gave the show a new lease of life, and helped clarify the narrative to those watching. The show was met with enormous enthusiasm from those who saw it during its tour to churches during the run up to Easter. Dancer Steve Johnstone writes that in preparing to play Jesus, "Taking the simple word "presence" and transcending that into a never ending moment in time continues to be my foundation in preparation before performances."

Our school workshop programme has been enormously busy. This Easter we delivered a whopping 51 workshop days in UK schools during March alone. Our hugely talented and generous teachers have been working tirelessly to bring alive the Easter story with children in UK schools over the past few months. Coming up, we have lots of new, current topics as well as old favourites ready for schools this summer term.

Right now our student company Elevate Dance Company have hit the road with their summer tour. Starting in Belgium, they are performing and teaching across the UK and further afield. Watch out for them near you!



NOW BOOKING for Advent 2018

JOURNEY OF THE MAGI IS BACK—and it's as festive, witty and poignant as ever.

Inspired by T S Eliot's poem, *Journey of the Magi* reminds us not only of the famous journey the wise men made following the star to Jesus, but also of the 'journey' each of us makes every year in preparing for Christmas day.

To find out more call 07876 752 910
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The Artistic Director's Appeal: *Stories That Jesus Told*

We are creating a brand new production that leaps right into the heart of the Gospels, delving into the narrative of Jesus and the parables that he told. We want to bring to life some of the most well-loved passages of the bible.

Will you be part of bringing our vision into reality?

Please go to www.springsdancecompany.org.uk/support-us and click on the link to donate.



SUMMER COURSE

30th July — 3rd August 2018

A creative, inspiring and refreshing week of dance and fellowship. All ages and abilities welcome.



The **one-week course** is an exploration and expression of faith through movement and performance.

Morning devotions bring everyone together in community.

Separate technique classes allow both beginners and those with dance experience to benefit from focussed teaching.

Creative and choreographic workshops bring dance and faith together through taught, improvised and devised work.

Venue:

St Luke's Church, West Holloway, London.

Book your place now for this Summer!

£165 or £135 for concessions.

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With new **Data Protection and Privacy laws** imminent, we are working to ensure we are compliant and are taking the opportunity to review our mailing list. We want to make sure you're still happy to hear from us. **Please email info@springsdancecompany.org.uk if you wish to 'unsubscribe' and be removed from our mailing list.**

Members of Elevate Dance Company 2018 share their thoughts on their year so far with us...

Maria Marinay I auditioned for Elevate because it allowed me to go back to London and do what I love; however, I came to realise how it felt so right to be here. It's as if God has drawn me to Elevate to find a deeper and more personal connection to Him through dance. Being here was a giant leap of faith but I'm grateful that I did because it has been one of the best years of my life.

Jessy Risal Elevate is a wonderful experience. I have been pushed to step out of my comfort zone, as well as growing humanly, artistically and spiritually. We have been challenged and encouraged. Each moment will be engraved in my mind.

Minttu-Maari Patanen My year in Elevate has deepened my connection with God and my faith in relation with other people. I've loved being able to spend my days dancing. The year has been fun and challenging, and I already know that I've made friends for life.

Lizzie Kitchener Elevate has been a great way for me to combine two big parts of my life—dance and my faith. Throughout the year I have grown so much in both areas and have made some great friends along the way! Also, thanks to this year I now have the excuse to visit four lovely countries!

Leap into RE Workshops

Thanks to funding from The Jerusalem Trust, we are delighted to announce a new workshop programme for schools, Leap into RE.

Springs Dance Company is the UK leader in terms of delivering Religious Education through Dance. With the new investment from The Jerusalem Trust, we have begun to train new teachers, help our teachers be even better at what they do, and we will soon have brand new workshop themes ready to deliver that will help school staff address current issues with their classes in fresh, interactive ways.



LEARN

TEACH

PERFORM

Applications are now open for our 2018-19 Training Courses

Elevate Dance Foundation

An opportunity to develop your dance skills and explore the connection between dance and faith, within an enjoyable and supportive environment.

Elevate Dance Company

An intensive dance course that focuses on the creation, performance and teaching of contemporary dance work inspired by and expressive of the Christian faith.

Elevate Dance Company and Elevate Dance Foundation Audition Dates

Tuesday 22nd May & Wednesday 11th July 2018

Elevate Dance Company Tour

New Life Church, Norfolk	19th May
St Matthew's Church, Gillingham	26th May
Putney Methodist Church, London	17th June
Brentwood Theatre, Essex	21st June
Cornerstone Church, Watford	24th June
Christ Church, Orpington	28th June

For more details see our website:

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