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All About Journey Performing Arts Center

Journey Performing Arts Center is a nonprofit whose mission is to expose metro Atlanta residents to the arts through instruction, performance and education. Located on the border of the Edgewood and East Atlanta neighborhoods, Journey serves the entire Atlanta community through its programming held at the studio as well as outreach classes and performances held throughout the city. Adults and children alike benefit from Journey's dance, drama and music classes as well as an in-house artists incubator program, after school program, summer camp and professional dance company. Journey is a neighborhood center and the culmination of a lifelong vision for its Artistic Director, Samara Michelle.

Programs Offered

Studio Children and Adult Dance, Drama, Music: Each Saturday finds Journey's studios bustling with children and their parents who gather to take dance, drama and music classes. From the toddlers in Creative Movement (beginning at ages 2.5) to the high-energy teens in Teen Hip Hop to the exuberant adults in Family African, there's a dance class for everyone and every level. Additional classes held throughout the week include a spicy Exotic Burlesque class in the theatrical tradition and a smooth Chicago Steppin' partner dance workshop offered by one of Journey's artSpace participants, 1 Step Above. Classes focus on dance technique as well as healthy behaviors and fitness. Through its status as a nonprofit, Journey is able to offer affordable tuition as well as scholarships to needy families.

Journey also offers children's drama classes, as well as private music lessons in guitar, piano, percussion instruments and voice. At the end of the winter semester, students hold a showcase where they demonstrate the techniques they've learned in class. At the end of the spring semester, Journey presents its annual Spring concert, a full-scale production with scripting, music and performances that serves as the culmination to the semester of instruction. During the summer months and at intervals during the year, Journey offers mini-8 week workshops and boot camps for children and adults.

Outreach: Journey Outreach strives to bring our performances, workshops and classes to schools and community organizations. Our outreach focuses on neighborhoods that would not normally be exposed to extracurricular arts programming. Journey currently offers programming in public, charter schools, preschools and daycares throughout the metro Atlanta area.

Artist Inreach: Our inreach programs focus on artist education. Journey EDU is our artist education series, which is comprised of a series of workshops designed to assist creative individuals with developing their business acumen and forming nonprofit organizations. Journey's artSpace program offers business mentoring and development resources along with discounted rental space for artists to hold classes, workshops and rehearsals.

After School Program and Summer Camp: The mission of Journey After School is to be an extension of students' normal school day by providing academic enrichment, homework help and performing arts education. Journey provides transportation from neighborhood schools to our studio location to allow parents peace of mind until they are able to pick up their students.

Journey Dance Company: Journey Dance Company is a fusion of classical ballet technique with modern, jazz, and street hip hop flavor. The Journey Dance Company began in January 2007 with the purpose to expose youths and adults to dance. The JDC has performed throughout the Metro Atlanta community including the Sweet Auburn Festival, the Independent Black Film Festival, Oglethorpe University, Morris Brown College and Georgia State University. Company rehearsal consists of extensive technique, stretch and conditioning, choreography and performance training. Journey Dance Company is featured in Journey Performing Arts Center's Annual Winter and Spring production. Company Members are given other performance and teaching opportunities throughout the dance season.

About Us

Journey Performing Arts Center was founded in January 2004 and incorporated in January 2005. A dancer all her life, Samara Michelle, M Ed., wanted to create a safe place where children can have access to life skills education through different performing arts programs. Journey is funded by a number of local and national organizations, including the Fulton County Arts Council, the Lighthouse Foundation, Georgia Council of the Arts and Wachovia Bank. Supported by both paid staff and a working Board of Directors, Journey seeks to expand its reach to Atlantans looking for quality arts programming and education.

How You Can Help

For information on classes or how you can join Journey in its mission, visit our website at www.journeyartscenter.org or call us at 404-622-2585.

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