

ORIENT & DANCE THEATER



ACTIVITIES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR

2018-2019

The year 2018-2019 was the year of moving forward with building the ballet school structure and curriculum. The number of ballet students is increasing, and we see more passion for the ballet from the students and their parents. ODT started expanding and upgrading the training hall to fit more students and give the space for more advanced.

Vision

Encouraging expression of identity through art.

Mission

To motivate individuals to search inspiration from their surrounding environment and encourage them to focus their energy towards expressing themselves through the art of movement.

Objectives

1. Continually advancing center for artistic movement, providing a safe and non-judgmental space.
2. Educating Palestinians in the field of contemporary dance.
3. Enrich Palestinian society with contemporary dancers and teachers.
4. Introduce Palestinian culture to the world through professional contemporary dance performances.
5. Networking and cooperating with international contemporary dance scene.
6. Develop Performing Arts School and its programs to expose learners to different arts.
7. Empowering art integration into the community.

Organizational Values.

- 1-Creativity
- 2- Accountability/Trust
- 3- Professionalism
- 4- Accessibility
- 5-Personal approach

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ODT activities for the year 2018-2019

1. Performing art school trainings.
2. International Visits, workshops and shows

1. Performing art school trainings

In 2018-2019, ODT have trained around 70 children and adults between 5 and 14 years old from Ramallah, Al Bireh, Jalazoun Refugee camp, Dheisheh refugee camp - Bethlehem area and the surrounding of ODT. The performing art school was divided into the following categories:

Ballet classes in which weekly classes (ballet and pre-ballet) given to 50 children according to the age and level. The groups were divided as follows: 5-7 years old, 8-10 years old, 11-12 years old, and 13+ years old. The classes' duration were 1-2 hours of practicing each for age group. In the year 2018-2019 the students and their parents were more committed to the classes and we could clearly see more self-discipline from the students and motivation from parents' side. This showed deep interest (in ballet art & ballet education) from the children & their parents.

In the year 2018-2019, the main teacher Nina Reewa carried the trainings.



Ballet performances as part of ODT vision of developing the student's artistic skills and their self-confidence, the Ballet school students performed spring ballet performance at the stage of the Palestinian medical relief society in Al Bireh in Feb, 2019

The aim of the presentation is to show the parents of the students what their children have been learning and their progress in the ballet.



Contemporary dance classes/Workshops

In the period of April- May 2019, one dance trainer from ODT (Maher Shawamreh) gave dance workshop in Bethlehem for Jothoor dance group, the aim of the 8 classes workshop is to develop the capacity on the group dancers in contemporary dance.



Summer camp:

In July 2019, 15 children from Jalazoun refugees camp participated in contemporary art lessons and trainings (Contemporary and creative dance, theatre, music education). 1 contemporary dance teacher, 1 theatre teacher and 2 music teacher have worked 15 day with children



2. International Visits, workshops and shows.

2018-2019 was another year of travelling, networking, and performing out of Palestine with the goal of introducing Palestinian art abroad and building networks of dancers, organizations and cultural activists for future potential cooperation. The choreographer/ dancer Maher Shawamre (founder of ODT) participated in different festival and workshops. in April,2019 dance Maher led a workshop for youth with disability in the activities of Awladna International Art Forum for the Gifted.

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