



# COISCÉIM DANCE THEATRE IN RESIDENCE ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE DRUMCONDRA

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CoisCéim Dance Theatre is one of Ireland's leading dance companies. Founded in 1995, CoisCéim's style of performance is contemporary and vibrant, with a knowing regard for the everyday. Artistic Director David Bolger embraces a selection of dance styles to articulate stories and emotions that are relevant to the landscapes in which we live. The scale of the company's work ranges from duets in a hotel bedroom, Chamber Made, to the large scale spectacle, A Dash of Colour (which was seen by millions on television and involved over 75,000 people for the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics, 2003). National and international touring are a key element of the company's work. In addition to an annual national touring programme, CoisCéim performs regularly on the international stage, especially in the United States and at festivals such as the Edinburgh Festival Fringe where it has won 2 Fringe Firsts. The company conducts an original and comprehensive artform awareness and participation programme through CoisCéim Broadreach.

CoisCéim's residency at St Patrick's College is now in its second year. From September 2014 to June 2015, the company will work with the Physical Education Unit to lead a range of exciting new dance initiatives for students.

#### TEACHER EDUCATION

An introduction to teaching creative dance

This strand of the residency provides a basic cognitive understanding of dance as a creative art form. Taking a crosscurricular approach, students will gain practical experience in developing themes and ideas, knowledge of key choreographic concepts, and the relevant tools to teach dance to primary school children.

**WORKSHOPS** VENUE: GYMNASIUM ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

**DID YOU KNOW?** 

• Dance is part of the Physical Education Curriculum in primary schools

· Children in primary schools explore creative & folk dance

THROUGH ACTIVE DANCE PARTICIPATION AND DISCUSSION, WORKSHOPS WILL EXPLORE

- · dance 'vocabulary' appropriate for children
- how to use a theme to guide your work in creative dance
- listening and choosing the right kind of music

AT THE END OF THE WORKSHOPS YOU WILL

- be able to introduce an element of dance to your class
- be awarded a certificate in dance education

**WORKSHOP THEMES** Exploring dance vocabulary, themes and planning creative dance lessons for primary school children

- First Year Students Pattern & Shape
- Second Year Students Machines & Robots
- Post Graduate Students Language & Letters
- Third Year Major Specialism Students Machines & Robots

#### SEEING DANCE

**COISCÉIM DANCE THEATRE** VENUE: SPECIAL LOCATIONS AT ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE (TO BE ANNOUNCED)

DANCE PERFORMANCE | BODY LANGUAGE 101 Choreographer | David Bolger Cast | Justine Cooper, Jonathan Mitchell and Emma O'Kane

People are not always aware of the constant physical conversations taking place...but the body never lies...

Body Language is a work in progress and aims to explore how we move through our emotions, how our environments affect how we move and how the body reacts to issues raised daily through our intake of news, comments, online lives. These immersive site specific showings of the work in progress aim to challenge the way we view performance and how work is presented.

FILM SCREENING & TALK | DEEP END DANCE David Bolger talks about the making and choreographic process behind the award-winning short film *Deep End Dance* by WildFire Films, produced for The Arts Council / RTÉ DANCE ON THE BOX.

#### COISCÉIM BROADREACH VENUE: AUDITORIUM ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

**DANCE PERFORMACE | THE DANCE ENSEMBLE** Established in 2013, The Dance Ensemble is made up of people aged 50+ with a passion for dance. Each year, the ensemble works with professional choreographers to create and perform dance theatre for different events and environments. In 2014, The Dance Ensemble performed *Talking at the Same Time* by Philippa Donnellan at Project Arts Centre and Meeting House Square.

*Feast on Dance* is a brand new performance initiative by The Dance Ensemble which promises a full menu of delightful and delicious dances. In the first of a number of courses, *Feast on Dance :The Starter* will be performed at St Patrick's College.



Photo: Creative Steps, Army Ants performance at Project Arts Centre, 2014

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO DANCE FOR St Patrick's college students

**COISCÉIM BROADREACH: CREATIVE STEPS** A limited number of places within Creative Steps youth dance group are earmarked for St Patrick's College students interested in developing their dance skills. The first project begins in autumn 2014 with Creative Steps members working with choreographer Philippa Donnellan on a new piece *Butterfly* – an imaginative dance odyssey.

# FIND OUT MORE

Through the St.Patrick's College website, Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as a dedicated CoisCéim notice board. Students will be kept informed of live dance events, film screenings, performances and talks throughout the year. Contact: Susan Marron, Physical Education Unit or Gaye Ashford, St Patrick's College CoisCéim Administrator: pe.dance@dcu.ie. Students will receive event information at PE seminars and by email. www.spd.dcu.ie/site/pe

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AT St patrick's college

DATE	TIME	EVENT	FOCUS
Tues 21 Oct	Evening	Teacher Education Workshop	BEd 2
Mon 3 Nov	10am-брm	CoisCéim Rehearsal BODY LANGUAGE 101	Open to Students/Staff from 1-2pm
Tues 4 Nov Evening		Teacher Education Workshop	PME/PG 2
Mon 10 Nov	10am-брm	CoisCéim Rehearsal BODY LANGUAGE 101	Open to Students/Staff from 1-2pm
Tues 11 Nov	Evening	Teacher Education Workshop	PME/PG 2
Mon 17 Nov	10am-6pm	CoisCéim Rehearsal BODY LANGUAGE 101	Open to Students/Staff from 1-2pm
Tues 18 Nov	1.15pm	SEEING DANCE CoisCéim Performanco BODY LANGUAGE 101	Students & Staff e
Mon 24 Nov	l0am-брm	CoisCéim Rehearsal BODY LANGUAGE 101	Open to Students/Staff from 1-2pm
Tues 25 Nov	1.15pm	SEEING DANCE CoisCéim Performanco BODY LANGUAGE 101	Students & Staff e
Tues 9 Dec	1.15pm	SEEING DANCE Film screening & Talk DEEP END DANCE	Students & Staff
From 26 Jan to 16 Mar (dates TBC)		Teacher Education 3 Workshops in class t	BEd 3 Major Specialism ime
Tues 10 Feb	Evening	Teacher Education Workshop	BEd1
Thurs 12 Feb	1.15pm	SEEING DANCE Broadreach Performa THE DANCE ENSEMBL	
Tues 17 Feb	Evening	Teacher Education Workshop	BEd1
Thurs 26 Feb	1.15pm	SEEING DANCE Broadreach Performa THE DANCE ENSEMBL	

### SURPRISE

CoisCéim will also 'pop up' in various locations on campus throughout the year. Follow us on twitter for details

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