



Connecting Through Dance: Arts Education Impact Outreach Newsletter

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Hello from Ali

Let it snow! I hope you all are enjoying playing in the snow as much as we are lately! Be sure to bundle up, it is cold out there! In the meantime, this month's newsletter is packed with upcoming events, shout outs and fun things to do at home! We have heard from so many of you this month! Please keep the videos and emails coming! Thank you to everyone who continues to dance with us. To those who are new to our program, we welcome you! As always, I look forward to creating with you!

Let's Move!

Hi everyone! Have you been enjoying our Arts Education video series? We sure hope

so! If you haven't checked out our latest video series, Sculpture Garden, it's posted on our website at <https://www.takerootdance.com/arts-education-outreach>. This new video series explores how we can move through the empty space that surrounds us and make new shapes with our bodies. It's a great way to keep moving, explore creativity and stay active. You could even try this video series in the snow! You can find all of our past Arts Education Impact Outreach videos on our Vimeo channel.

[Click Here for our Videos!](#)



We Want to Hear From You!

Please use this google form to let us know how we are doing and how we can improve. Take Root strives to create a safe, inviting and artistically inspired atmosphere for everyone no matter if we are virtual or in person. Your feedback will help us to continue to make our classes even better. Thank you for taking the time to reach out to us and to help Impact Lives Through Dance!



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Tips and Tricks



Earlier this month, Take Root spent the morning on zoom with Oakland University Dance Majors and Harlan Elementary School 4th graders, investigating their science lesson focusing on Kinetic and Potential energy. The students explored how to embody potential energy by moving like popcorn that was about to pop, or a rollercoaster sitting at the top of a hill. We jumped and popped to find our kinetic energy as popcorn and swung down the hill as super speedy rollercoasters. We also explored the potential and kinetic energy of music with Take Root's Musical Director/Composer, Jon Anderson. Could you try this at home with your own examples? How about a tire swing at the playground or blowing up a balloon and then letting all the air out? We welcome any videos or emails on your experiences! Thank you Harlan Elementary School students for a fantastic and inspirational morning!

Spotlight

BALDWIN CENTER
Feed, Clothe, Educate, Empower

This month we want to give a special shout out to The Baldwin Center! Take Root has been fortunate to work with The Baldwin Center for the past several years and we are constantly inspired. Fulfilling their motto, "Feed, Clothe, Educate and Empower the disadvantaged of Pontiac," they offer after school programs and summer programs for youth, a soup kitchen, clothing closet, and more. We appreciate their dedication to serving the community and giving us the opportunity to continue to Impact Lives through dance. To find out more, check out the website below.

[Click here to visit their website](#)

Bits of Happiness

This month, our friends at Trentwood Elementary School in Virginia Beach, Virginia wrote to us! The kindergartners shared how much they enjoyed our last video series that explored movement using a balloon. In fact, they told us one of their favorite moments was to “be” the balloon themselves and blow up as big as they could and let all their air out, falling in their own creative pathways to the floor, with their individual sound effects! This feedback definitely made us smile! We are thrilled to hear that Trentwood Elementary took the time to dance and connect with us through movement! Thank you Trentwood!



Upcoming Events

PERFORMANCE ALERT! Take Root’s Annual Fundraiser is approaching on the weekend of March 19th. Please save the date for this virtual event! Take Root will premiere their new Dance on Film, XXX along with some fun cameos from company members and friends from the community along with other performances! Our Outreach programs function entirely on grants and donations. Please consider helping us Impact Lives Through Dance and join us next month for a fun night of Dance and Music!



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Thank you!

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- *All previous incentives PLUS*
- Opportunity to get involved through planning committees for events

FRIEND \$500

- *All previous incentives PLUS*
- Opportunity to get involved in planning committees for Outreach programs

DANCER AT HEART \$750

- *All previous incentives PLUS*
- Two free tickets to TR hosted concerts

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- Invitation to special outreach programs and opportunity for personal involvement (children/grandchildren perform, special PD classes)
- Free TR swag

INNOVATOR \$2,500

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- Reserved seating for concerts
- "Bring a friend" Free-B ticket for certain concerts
- Recognition in programs and on web-site
- Annual Membership dinner

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- Private Breakfast with Directors
- Invitation to closed rehearsal

