



Newsletter June 2019

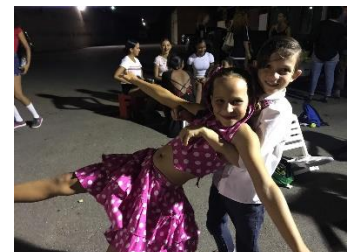
In the past few months, a lot has happened at the dance school! Exams, movie night, shows, workshops, a study trip abroad and a choreography competition. This newsletter brings you up to date with the latest happenings at the school, and at the bottom you find important information and holiday dates.

Let's go back in time!

In December we were asked to perform at a business dinner in Renaissance. With two groups we prepared three dances and the dancers performed this with a lot of joy.



Shortly after we had our "small show" in January. La Tentashon was full to the brim for all 5 shows and all HAVO-4 and VWO-4 classes of the island have experienced a dance show. Our inspiration for this show were poems written by teenagers between 12 and 18. With two choreographies made by our own Company girls, it was a special show. Thanks to Gracy Hart for the beautiful pictures.



Behind the scenes we always have fun too. We are proud that all of our students, young and old, get on so well.

In January we held our annual movie night. The movie night is a fundraiser for the Dance Company Turning Point Foundation. The Company girls were helping out all night and they had prepared all of the snacks themselves. They attended the bar and serving snacks, saving up for guest teachers, or their study trip overseas. For young and old we showed the animation movie *Ballerina*. There were so many kids and parents, the parking lot was almost too small!! It was a well enjoyed night.



February followed quickly with a dance marathon, organized yet again by the Dance Company Turning Point Foundation. This marathon has the main goal to raise money to pay for tuition for kids from less wealthy families. Students from the ages 10 and older could participate and try to dance for 2 and a half hours straight. A few of the teachers and all Company-members made sure it was a hard and sweaty 2.5 hours. Besides the fun part, it was a great fundraiser too. The foundation has paid for a full years' tuition for FOUR students! Thanks a lot!



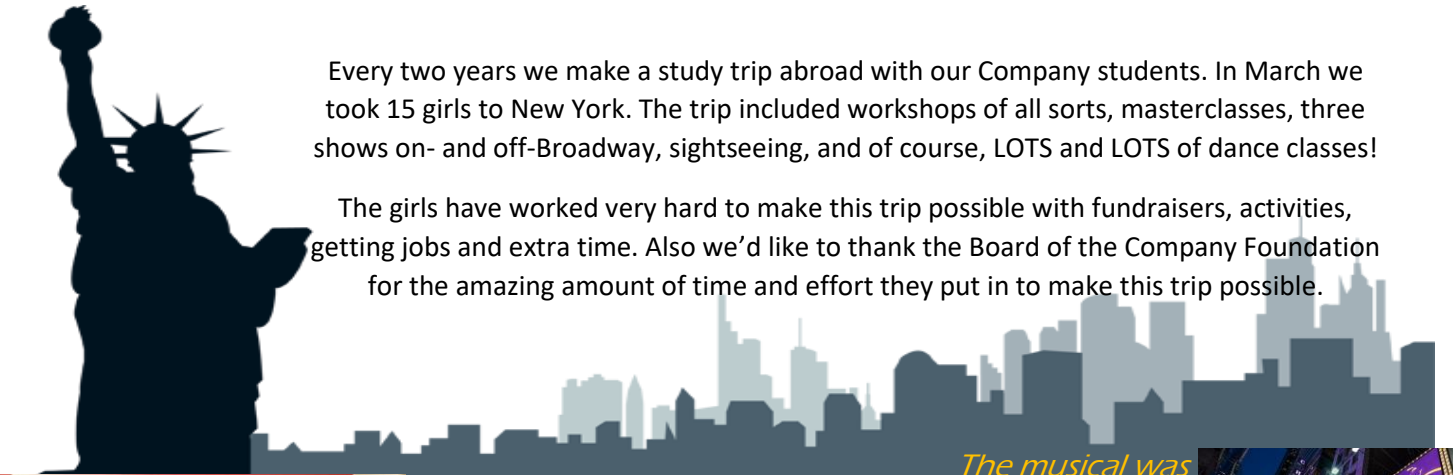
For the two students who raised the most money with the marathon, we had a reward. They got to pick a leotard from a shop in America. Congratulations Elodie and Sofia! We brought the leotards home from New York and they fit the girls perfectly!



All participants of the marathon were rewarded with a workshop from Marcia van Nes, a teacher from the Netherlands. More sweat and big smiles showed us that it was a great workshop.

The older teens could also participate in a workshop of modern dance by Ramses Papa. Lots of floorwork, beautiful music and new material made for an interesting hour and a half.





Every two years we make a study trip abroad with our Company students. In March we took 15 girls to New York. The trip included workshops of all sorts, masterclasses, three shows on- and off-Broadway, sightseeing, and of course, LOTS and LOTS of dance classes!

The girls have worked very hard to make this trip possible with fundraisers, activities, getting jobs and extra time. Also we'd like to thank the Board of the Company Foundation for the amazing amount of time and effort they put in to make this trip possible.



And when she (the teacher) showed us how to dance the part, I thought wowww I can't ever do that!



The musical was very funny and truly spectacular. (about Aladdin the Broadway Musical)



I really enjoyed these jazz classes and I feel that this experience really helped me grow as a dancer!



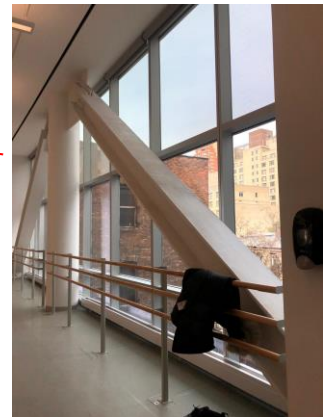
I really enjoyed looking at my own team too. Everyone danced so beautiful and with so much energy. They really enjoyed it.

We met a dancer from the New York City Ballet and we could even go on stage!

The show was so impressive. It was even better than I expected. (about the New York City Ballet)

We were allowed to watch a class at the Alvin Ailey School. They all danced so well and they remembered the exercises literally within a second. And then they even performed it perfectly..

Afterwards, we also took a ballet class at the Ailey School.



Besides being a great learning experience, the girls had a great time with each other. Once again, it was an experience that will never be forgotten.



In May HATO had the grand opening of their new terminal. Off course we were present and three of our groups performed beautifully.



Later in May things got exciting at the school again. Three of our “kinderdancers 3” groups had their exams! And they did well. After months of hard work they all received their diplomas and closed their “kinderdancers” years. Now they can choose a style to take, like classical ballet, jazz or streetdance.



And just like we are used to, every other year we have a choreography competition!

In the choreography competition the students are challenged to put all they have learned through the years into their own choreography. Being creative, playing with the space, timing, formations, having a story or an emotion and putting that into movement and dance. And with all that, creating a solo or a piece with a group is a creative and good learning experience.

La Tentashon opened her doors for us one last time and we were more than sold out for this special show.



The beautiful theater was filled with even more stunning performances, all dances made by the students themselves. We had a total of 75 kids and teens, divided into three age groups. Our Company also danced as guests with two of their own made pieces.

Category 1



Category 2



Category 3



It was a very diverse show, we saw emotional dances, happy and cool dances, duets and solos, and groups of 7, 8, even 9 dancers. The judges truly had a hard time!
Biggest thanks to Gracy Hart and Kyra Tweebloom for the beautiful pictures.

I'd like to take the opportunity via this newsletter to reach all parents to send out a warning for upcoming shows. We notice we are sold out quicker and quicker each time. Unfortunately the fire department allows only a certain number of people into a building or theater and we cannot do anything about that number, so we cannot sell any extra tickets after we have sold out..... Please be warned and don't wait too long to get tickets for any upcoming shows as we cannot help you once we are sold out...



While we're nagging, let me just nag some more. We have almost entirely switched to bank payments, safe and transparent! I am very happy about that, but there's a small downside to it.. Unfortunately we still receive regular bank payments without mentioning the **name of the child**. If this could be you, please contact the school as we have NO idea for who these payments have been made. And could you all please be so kind to check what the *exact* amount is, so often I receive one guilder more or less, or an entirely wrong amount and this results in a lot of extra work.

If you have an automatic transfer, please stop it for the month of July.

In July there's no contribution. Could you please take this into account as it is a lot of extra work to fix payments that are made incorrectly. In August we start again with the new school year and payments.

And finally! The end of the year is approaching! We have just finished the open door week and now we're having the bring-a-friend-week.

In the open door week we invited you all to visit in class. We have worked hard all year and were happy to show you what we do and learn in class. Open door week was from the 17th to the 22nd of June.

In the bring-a-friend week all students are encouraged to bring a friend to class to dance with. With this fun class we have a festive end to the school year.

Bring-a-friend week is from the 24th to the 29th of June.

This bring-a-friend week will also be the last class of the year.

The vacation starts on the 1st of July and we start the new school year on Monday, August 12th.

We wish everyone a very pleasant vacation and hope to see you all again in August.

Team Turning Point

