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ABOUT A STAR SOCIETY

Transforming lives through the power of dance.

A Star Society for the Performing & Fine Arts non-profit has provided **invaluable dance programs** and **financial support** for dance education for thousands of children and youth across Canada since 2009.

We're passionate about sharing the *love of dance* and believe in its power to transform us. Through *excellence in dance education* and its far-reaching benefits, we create opportunities for students to shine.

Alongside our partner, Arts in Action Society, our charitable programs include: *bursaries* for dance education, *low-cost drop-ins* and dance classes, *anti-bullying* campaigns, community performances, financially-supported school *hip hop workshops*, and free *studio space* for local dance artists. By investing in young people, A Star Society contributes to their long-term success and well-being, helping them become confident, well-rounded, and impactful members of society.

VISION

Our vision is to **nurture** a generation of confident, creative, compassionate and innovative individuals who, inspired by the **artistry of dance**, become catalysts for **positive change** in their communities and the world.

Messages, like anti-bullying, inclusivity, and compassion, underlie all of our work. It is through the creation and presentation of *meaningful messages* and experiences that we influence, educate and guide our students as well as engage and enlighten our audiences.

We see a future where every young person has access to the enriching and transformative benefits of dance education.

MISSION

Education in the arts is considered by leading educators to be **as important as literacy and numeracy**, but it is often the first to be cut from budgets.

Through the power of music and the art of dance, A Star Society nurtures the innate creative capacities of young people to cultivate *life-changing* attributes that inspire and empower their overall academic, personal, and professional *success*.

Our mission is to *expand access* to dance education by raising *awareness* of its *profound benefits* and seeking to *increase funding* for our valuable programs.

OUR TEAM

Anita Perel-Panar, Executive Director, and **Jheric Hizon** are the two principals of A Star Society. Their shared philosophies and vision about collaborating, building community, imparting meaningful messages and bringing up the next generation of artists are the foundation of A Star's goals.



Anita has educated children in music, dance and drama for over 40 years. Her fascination with creativity, imagination, motivation, human nature and actualizing potential led to a Masters with a thesis on The Development of Artistic Awareness. She is thrilled to work with talented and dedicated teachers who share her vision and join her in providing excellent dance education.



Jheric is a pioneer in the Vancouver street dance scene and has taught many of Vancouver's hip hop teachers. He maintains a hectic schedule as an international instructor, choreographer, adjudicator and performer. Amongst many notable career highlights, he was chosen to choreograph and perform in the Vancouver Olympics 2010 Closing Ceremonies.



OUR PROGRAMS

SCHOOL HIP HOP WORKSHOPS

A Star Society has delivered its School Hip Hop Workshop to close to **half a million students** in over 100 lower mainland schools. Designed for children from Kindergarten to Grade 12, these workshops offer a week of expert hip hop instruction, culminating in a performance that brings together the entire school **community**, including parents, teachers, administration, staff and classmates.

Through this program, we met **Phil Wizard** at his elementary school in 2009. He was so inspired by it that he came to train with us at Boogaloo Academy. The rest is history as he competed in Breakdance and won the **gold medal** for Canada at the Paris Olympics in 2024!

The **benefits** of this program go well-beyond the dance floor. Research shows that they support the development of **executive functions**, including **creativity**, **cognitive flexibility**, discipline, inhibitory self control, and working memory. These **critical skills** are correlated with **success** in school, work, relationships, and life. Through fundraising, it's our hope to expand access to this valuable program.



Not only does A Star Society's wonderful program help develop physical skills and abilities, but the program also emphasizes **positive attitudes, encouragement** of others, and **hard work** and **sportsmanship**.

The staff was *fantastic* with our students, and certainly modeled *enthusiasm* and *care* for the students. This program provides an *incredible opportunity* for students to excel and especially those students who may not excel in other sports.

Henry Peters, Principal,
Lloyd George Elementary School

FREESTYLE FRIDAYS & THE DROP

Freestyle Fridays and The Drop are low-cost drop-in programs bringing in Vancouver's top professional dance educators. They provide an opportunity for youth of all ages, cultures and schools to come together to collaborate, **share their creativity** and **build community**.

Studies show that youth are most vulnerable during the after school hours. Our drop-in programs provide a safe place to go. Everyone is welcome to gather, be inspired, and feel a sense of belonging, purpose and accomplishment.

Many students from our drop-in programs have gone on to form dance crews where they're able to use their talents to choreograph and perform works with meaningful messages. For example, The Collective won top awards at numerous competitions performing their own choreography. Our Heart Mind Body group created choreography under the mentorship of Kim Meredith inspired by a Shane Koyczan poem and performed for many audiences, including the Dalai Lama.

BURSARIES

A Star Society provides students who are in **financial need** with bursaries for ongoing dance education. For those who have always dreamed of pursuing their **passion for dance**, but lack the financial means to do so, a bursary can be a **life-changing** opportunity.

Providing these bursaries helps *break down barriers* and promote *diversity* in the performing arts. By giving individuals from all backgrounds the chance to pursue their passion for dance, we can create a more *vibrant and inclusive dance community*. With access to arts education, individuals develop *teamwork*, discipline, *creativity*, and self-expression – skills that can be applied in all aspects of life.

A Star Society works closely with Boogaloo Academy to provide this education. Boogaloo Academy provides space, classes, and other ‘in kind’ support for A Star Society’s programs and events.



A NON-PROFIT SOCIETY



We cordially invite you to **generously support** our non-profit benefitting children and youth! Please consider making a donation or sponsoring to help us expand access to dance education. Through our charitable partner, **Arts in Action Society**, we can provide tax receipts for donations.

Arts education is often the first to be cut from school programs and we've seen a growing need from families for financial support for dance classes. A Star Society spends 95% of its funds directly supporting dancers: your generosity will contribute to the development of the next generation of artists and innovators fostering a culture where imagination fuels progress.

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MEETINGS**

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

**Based on level of support*

ONGOING BENEFITS

- Branded events or programs
- Logo during performances
- Website recognition
- Social media mentions
- Ad in print materials
- Recognition on all marketing
- Feature e-blast

EVENTS/GALA BENEFITS

- Speech during Event/Gala
- Logo during reception
- Event tickets
- Discount for extra tickets
- Program recognition
- Verbal recognition
- Video ad during Events

Please meet with us!

We would be honored to explore how your **support** can make a **lasting impact** on our community and beyond.

Contact us at **604.805.0558** or **astarsociety@gmail.com** in the next week or so to *arrange a meeting* or discuss questions. We are pleased to offer many benefits based on the level of your support, including branding and advertising. Through our charitable partner, **Arts in Action Society**, we can provide tax receipts for donations.

If you are not in a position to support A Star Society, we would greatly appreciate an introduction to other companies or organizations you might suggest.

We look forward to the possibility of *partnering* with you to create a world where creativity and innovation go hand in hand.

Let's make a difference together and change the world.



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