



Healthy Dancer Canada

The Dance Health Alliance of Canada

Call for Proposals for our 9th Annual Conference:

Dancing Through Life

Sunday September 25th, 2016

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Attention scientists, dancers, educators, health care professionals and students: Healthy Dancer Canada invites you to submit your proposal for a lecture or poster presentation, workshop, or performance for our 9th Annual Conference, ***Dancing Through Life*** to be held on Sunday September 25th, 2016 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Dance Saskatchewan Inc. in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Healthy Dancer Canada is a leader facilitating communication and collaboration between the dance community and health professionals. We work together to enhance the health and well-being of all dancers. Dance is continually evolving and there are many varieties of practices to choose from. ***Dancing Through Life*** will examine the impact of dance practices on the health of individuals and the health of our communities. This year, the conference aims to increase participant's knowledge and understanding of the benefits of dance for people of all ages and abilities. Through technical mastery, creative exploration and artistic expression, dancing profoundly impacts all of us physically, cognitively, emotionally and psychosocially, thus impacting our health. ***Dancing Through Life*** is an opportunity to pool our broad community of knowledge and resources to support dancers to fully develop their creativity and physicality for lifelong expression. Participants will discuss strategies that we, the dance community, should adopt to improve our health and well-being, maximize our longevity, and maintain joy in dance!

Criteria:

If you are interested in presenting, performing, or facilitating a workshop at this year's conference, please e-mail conference.healthydancercanada@gmail.com with the subject *2016 Conference Proposal* before April 15th, 2016. Please include a brief 250 to 300 words abstract detailing your proposal in the body of the message.

1. Content should contribute to Healthy Dancer Canada's mission and the conference theme, ***Dancing Through Life***.
2. Lecture presentations are limited to 30 minutes and must include a visual aid

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format such as PowerPoint or Prezi. Copies of presentations will be provided to participants

3. Workshops are limited to 45 minutes. Please indicate any requirements for full participation.
4. Dance performances should aim to be a minimum of 5 to 10 minutes in length. Contract will be negotiated between the artist(s) and Healthy Dancer Canada as per industry standards.
5. All proposal submissions must indicate if they wish to be considered for Healthy Dancer Canada's Annual Research Award for scientific research in dance health and wellness.
6. All proposals are given equal consideration. Healthy Dancer Canada conducts a blind peer review evaluating all submissions according to the following criteria:
 - a.) relevance to the conference theme and organizational mission
 - b.) applicability and translatability of content to practice
 - c.) artistic/scientific merit, significance, and level of evidence
 - d.) breadth of impact i.e. artists, health professionals, educators, students

Successful proposal applicants will be notified by May 15th, 2016. All conference presenters and performers must be members of Healthy Dancer Canada. For membership information, please visit our website at www.healthydancercanada.org or contact membership.healthydancercanada@gmail.com. Successful applicants must register for the conference and will receive complimentary conference admission.

Please direct inquiries via e-mail to our Conference Coordinator, Jennifer Bezaire at: conference.healthydancercanada@gmail.com

Healthy Dancer Canada looks forward to your proposal submissions and sincerely appreciates all applicants.



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