



Mission Statement

To provide an educational forum for dance students and dance educators as they develop an appreciation for the art form of dance through collaborative dance creation, performance and workshops.

Dear School Administrators,

Ontario Secondary School DANCEFEST (OSSDF) is a not-for-profit organization that has been central to the evolution of dance education and leadership in the Province of Ontario since 2003. Over the past eighteen years, we have welcomed thousands of secondary school dancers, community leaders, and leading performing dance artists to stages across the province in an effort to provide a venue for students to celebrate and develop their passion and skill for the art of dancing. In addition, this event addresses all four of the central ideas found in the Arts curriculum – developing creativity,, communicating, understanding culture, and making connections.

Since COVID-19, OSSDF has adapted from planning one event a year to supporting teachers of Dance in Education 10 months/year by providing access to distance learning workshops and lesson plans that they may use in their classrooms, online or blended classes. Teachers of Dance, Drama and Phys. Ed in the secondary panel; and, grade 7 and 8 teachers (mainly although other grades have requested) in the elementary panel have appreciated using our resources.

Workshops and lesson plans may be accessed every two weeks with a Workshop Request Form at the following link with their \$150 School Registration.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15G9QKmy8nPXnRBuOuitj5bTKWvr3IrkSyK1IpvUOH2k/edit?usp=sharing>

Our 4-day event, OSSDF 2021, will be a virtual event from Tuesday, May 25th to Friday, May 28th. Students will submit pre-recorded entries of their dance choreography and performances for adjudication. The entries will be organized and formatted into a virtual presentation that will be available for teachers, students and family members to view from their classroom or home with a password to links on our website; therefore, performances will not be publicly open to be searched to protect the students' likenesses. Furthermore, access will only be available until the end of the school year. Students and parents will sign electronically or digitally the attached release form to participate in our Celebration of Dancing from a Dis-DANCE. Those students who do not wish to add their dances to the virtual event may still have their dances adjudicated by our three dance professionals/educators.

We hope you will support your dance teachers in sharing their students' original choreography with OSSDF so we may celebrate together with the other schools attending from across the province. Dance In Education teachers and, especially their students, benefit greatly from this amazing, unique educational experience.

Especially in these challenging times, dance can be a valuable form of expression. Our goal is to ensure that dance stays present and vital in schools and teachers are supported with exciting work to share with their students despite the challenges of diverse educational models throughout the province.

We would greatly appreciate your support in providing them the opportunity to celebrate their students' creativity at OSSDF2021.

Respectfully submitted,
OSSDF Board of Directors



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MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I give Ontario Secondary School DANCEFEST (the "Media") permission to share the dance video entries of my child. I understand that the video(s) will be used during the days of OSSDF festival, from Tuesday, May 25 to Friday, May 28, 2021, which will be formatted as a virtual presentation and will be available for teachers, students and family members to view from their classroom or home with password-protected links on our website. During the event, entries will not be distributed outside of the event and its participants. Once photographs and other student work are released on the Ontario Secondary School DANCEFEST website and social media platforms, Ontario Secondary School DANCEFEST cannot control or prevent the further distribution or use of the material by those who access the content. Videos will only be available for online viewing until June 30th, 2021. Participants agree to not record (screen record on mobile or desktop devices, using a mobile or camera device, or software program) the OSSDF event or its participants upon signature of this form.

I understand that Ontario Secondary School DANCEFEST will use the video(s) submission for the purposes of festival promotion and on OSSDF's website and social media channels.

I acknowledge that the first name (no sur-name) and identity of my child may be revealed in the Media or by descriptive text or commentary. However, Ontario Secondary School DANCEFEST may not publish my address, telephone numbers, or email address with the Media without my permission.

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the individual named and I give my consent without reservation to the forgoing on his/her/their behalf.

If the person signing is over age 18, they may sign without the acknowledgement of a Parent or Legal Guardian

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (Please Print).

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian.

Date.

School.

Student Participant Information

Name of Student (Please Print).

Signature of Student

Date.

School.