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Making Moves

The power and joy of dance delivered to your students



Involvement in the arts is crucial to a child’s success both socially and academically. We are dedicated to passing on a lifelong love of dance, music, and movement to the next generation of artists and arts enthusiasts. Making Moves delivers a custom dance curriculum into Bay Area schools and community organizations, while also serving to facilitate group on-campus visits to our vibrant campus. Our teaching staff includes some of the most highly esteemed artists from the Bay Area’s rich and diverse arts community. Together, we are committed to the philosophy that the art of dance belongs to all of us.

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Mission Statement

The ODC Making Moves Program provides Bay Area youth and teens with a culturally enriching dance experience that equips participants with the creative tools to access their confidence, intelligence, imagination, while also promoting skills in problem solving, communication, teamwork, and self-awareness within a school setting.

At ODC, our overall goal is to introduce the creative power of dance into the lives of young people by providing enriching arts education that is impactful and engaging. ODC's Making Moves program works with communities of all backgrounds, ages, and means, while maintaining an ongoing commitment to youth and teens with little or no access to arts education in their standard school curriculum. We also strive to open our doors through facilitated group visits and special classes, so that young people may be exposed to an immersive dance experience while introducing ODC as an accessible community arts organization. The Making Moves program continues to adapt to meet the changing needs of its constituency in an effort to offer the most effective, creative, and diverse curriculum possible.

"This class is my first time in a dance class and it is very different from anything I normally do, but it is fun. I am really shy and don't really like to talk much in class, but in this class I sing and dance and it helps me to not be shy. I learn how to dance Afro-Haitian and how to stretch and exercise, and we also learn about the history of the dances and music. I didn't know anything about Haiti before this class and now I know a lot."

Judith, 15-years-old, sophomore

Class Offerings

Hip Hop
Afro-Haitian
Flamenco
Creative Movement
Salsa
Afro-Brazilian
Ballet
Contemporary
Bhangra

Bollywood
Mexican Folklorico
Capoeira
Afro-Cuban
Tap
Hula
House Dance
Samba
West African

Goals and Objectives

Provide accessible and relevant dance education and performance experiences for Bay Area youth and teens.

Allow young people to discover their creative capacities.

Cultivate young artists, young audiences, and future patrons of the arts.

Establish ODC as a collaborative creative partner for schools, organizations, and the community at large.

Continually expand existing Making Moves programs in an effort to serve more San Francisco youth and teens in public schools.

Implement effective quantitative and qualitative evaluation procedures for all Making Moves school sites and faculty.

Retain and follow-up on referrals for talented and motivated students with an interest in furthering their dance study for scholarship opportunities in the ODC Youth & Teen Program.



Partnerships

(past and present)

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| June Jordan School for Equity | Playmates Cooperative Pre-School |
| Edgewood Center for Children & Families | The Little School Ygnacio Valley High School |
| Bessie Carmichael Elementary School | School of the Arts (SOTA) |
| Alvarado Elementary School | Bentley School |
| Buena Vista Elementary School | Marin Primary and Middle School |
| Cesar Chavez Elementary School | Boys and Girls Club, Mission Clubhouse |
| International Studies Academy Middle School | Growing Minds Preschool |
| Bayview Hunter's Point YMCA | St. Johns |
| Abraham Lincoln High School ExCEL Program | Mission Preparatory |
| John O'Connell High School | Carmel High School |
| Borel Middle School (San Mateo) | Hall and Heart |
| The Nueva School | Hunter High School |
| Presidio Hill School | Gateway High School |
| Katherine Delmar Burke School | Longfellow Elementary School |
| Hillcrest Elementary School | Lomita Park Elementary |
| Tenderloin Afterschool Program | Paul Revere Elementary |
| 7 Teepes | Marshall Elementary |
| SF Waldorf High School | Starr King Elementary |
| French American School | Chinese American International School |
| Cathedral School for Boys | Rooftop Elementary School |

"Buena Vista is a public school in the Mission District in San Francisco, where over 60% of our students live at or below the poverty line and over half of students are English Language Learners. ODC is also located in the Mission, and is deeply familiar with the issues and needs present here. Our children require so much in so many different areas of the arts that we could not even begin to address their needs without the kindness of organizations like ODC. We have greatly benefited from its fine program, its generosity, and we recommend ODC in the highest term."

-Bob Armstong, Arts Coordinator
Buena Vista Horace Mann



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