

MEDIA RELEASE

SA's MOST EXCITING DANCE TROUPE SEEKING NEW TALENT

13 January 2015: Australian Dance Theatre is holding an audition next Wednesday to search for SA's most aspiring professional male and female dancers to join its Youth Ensemble.

Proudly supported by Beach Energy, this exciting and successful program will support the company's vision to foster young talent in this state, particularly important in the 50th anniversary year of the company.

The coveted positions will give young dancers aged between 15-19 years, unrivaled access to a get a "foot in the door," receive sought-after performance experience at upcoming festivals and events and be trained by some of the best in the business.

Elizabeth Old, Australian Dance Theatre Associate Artistic Director said that the Youth Ensemble gave young dancers experience about the industry.

"It is essential for young dancers to know how to stand out from the crowd in this highly competitive industry.

"There are simply scores of young dancers in training at numerous institutions across Australia with a very limited number of jobs on offer. Excellent training, effective professional style, performance opportunities and a good CV, even at a young age, make all the difference. This is what we aim to give them to develop their professional dancing career.

"I have been blown away with the quality of the ensemble to date and am excited to see what talent is launched at next week's audition," she said.

Under the artistic direction of Elizabeth Old the Ensemble will be taught by past and present Australian Dance Theatre dancers who will create exciting new work for the troupe.

Last year more than forty five young dancers auditioned for fifteen coveted spots. Next week's audition will seek out a further fifteen students.

To audition, applicants must: be aged between 15-19 years old (as at 30 Jan 2015); perform at an intermediate/advanced level in contemporary dance; be athletic, resilient, quick thinking, and passionate about dance & movement research, although not mandatory an intermediate or advanced level in classical ballet is preferable.



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Successful applicants will be required to participate in the Australian Dance Theatre School - *Classes for Young Dancers* - to receive the required training to perform on behalf of the company.

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, 21 January 2015 between 4.30-6.30pm at Australian Dance Theatre, 126 Belair Road, Hawthorn SA 5062. To receive an audition application form contact Australian Dance Theatre on 08-8373 7733 or email adt@adt.org.au, by Monday 19 Jan and for more information visit www.adt.org.au

The Youth Ensemble is proudly supported by Beach Energy who is a long standing supporter, nurturing emerging talent at Australian Dance Theatre. **Ends.**

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AUSTRALIAN DANCE THEATRE – CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN 2015

Australian Dance Theatre has a rich history full of wonderful stories and achievements that have lead it to its current world-class status, a dancing phenomenon that continues to push new boundaries across the globe, making it one of Adelaide's and Australia's greatest exports and ambassadors today.

Dr Elizabeth Cameron Dalman OAM and patron for the 50th anniversary celebrations founded the Australian Dance Theatre in 1965 after she was inspired by her experience in New York and by the Australian environment. It was the first time modern and contemporary dance was taught in Australia.

Since then, the Australian Dance Theatre has grown to be one of the most influential dance companies in the country and has been producing consistently great repertoire since it was formed.

Australian Dance Theatre is highly regarded within Australia and beyond. Under the artistic direction of Garry Stewart since the end of 1999, the Australian Dance Theatre embarked on a remarkably successful artistic trajectory that has distinguished it as a daring, exciting and highly skilled ensemble. As a result, they enjoy an enviable national and international reputation and is currently regarded as one of the most widely recognised contemporary dance companies in the world.

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