



DEF DANCE JAM WORKSHOP PROGRAMS

DDJW/YOUNG JAMMERS WORKSHOP

Aziza created the DDJW Inc. / Young Jammers program 7 years ago for 3-9 years old. The workshop curriculum is a playful but structured learning process, combining many dance forms, gymnastics, American Sign Language (ASL), music, writing, and reading. The workshops foster the principles of community, respect, and self esteem, and prepares the young participants for our more advanced programs.



DDJW/JUNIOR & SENIOR WORKSHOPS

The DDJW Junior Workshop (10-16yr old), and Senior Workshop (15-25yr olds) artistic program includes free pre-professional training in African dance and drumming, modern, jazz, tap, hip hop, and liturgical music, drama as well as poetry, storytelling, journal writing and American Sign Language. The Junior, Senior and parent workshops make up the DDJW intergenerational performance company.



DDJW/ PARENT/ADULT WORKSHOP

The Parent/Adult Workshop program includes free training in African dance and drumming, modern, jazz, tap, hip hop, and liturgical music, drama as well as poetry, storytelling, journal writing and a main focus on American Sign Language. The parents and adults perform side by side with our youth. Parents play a big part in FUNdraising for the program so that DDJW can offer free training year round.



DDJW/SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Def Dance Jam serves as a City Summer Youth Employment Site, for youth with Special Needs to work during the Summer. This six week dance training and job readiness program in Arts Management, provides experience for the youth participants to teach, perform, choreograph and learn explore production and arts management.



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DDJW/THE SACRED CIRCLE – Son’s and Daughters Uplifted Toward Adulthood

The program design addresses the needs of circle members through Its interfaith spiritual and academic curriculum, its mentor relationships, its activities and its succession plan, preparing the members for employment, higher education, social – interaction and community involvement. Participants must enter as a unit. Youth and adult, Parent and child journey on the two year or more process together. Every training cycle ends with a pilgrimage locally and abroad



DDJW/GLOBAL PROGRAMS AFRICA/GREECE/TURKEY

The Sacred Circle Initiates made their journey to Senegal, West Africa at the end of their training cycle. Through sponsorship of the American Embassy Aziza has conducted and set up DDJW programming in Cyprus, Greece for the last six years, and in 2008 started programming in Istanbul, and other Regions of Turkey.



DDJW FELLOWSHIP

The DDJW Community Service Fellowship provides scholarship and work experience to a DDJW graduate who is about to enter college. In order to be eligible for the annual award, a DDJW graduate must achieve good grades overall, declare a major in dance, arts management, deaf culture or women’s studies, and serve in a brief internship with a local arts or community organization that has donated funds to DDJW specifically for this purpose.



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