

## **South Dartmoor Community College**

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Dear Parent / Carer

Professional Dance Workshop - Theatre Royal Plymouth Dada Masilo's: The Sacrifice Wednesday 1 March – 11:30 – 14:40

I am writing to offer your daughter an opportunity to attend a professional dance workshop with one of South Africa's most renowned dancers and choreographers at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth on Wednesday 1 March during the school day.

The workshop is free of charge to all students who wish to attend and will take place on The Lyric stage of the Theatre Royal. Our students will experience the company's unique style and choreographic approach through an exploration of their new touring work, The Sacrifice. This is an outstanding opportunity and will certainly support the students' journey to become knowledgeable and creative thinkers in Dance.

## **About the Company and the Workshop**

At only 28 years old, Masilo has placed herself as an internationally acclaimed choreographer known to deconstruct the all-time classic ballets into powerfully grounded, hip-shaking, moves of African dance, that tell the story – not of the classical damsel in distress – but of modern-day characters that suffer modern-day issues like discrimination and inequality. Featuring live music on stage, *The Sacrifice* is inspired by Igor Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, combining the European heritage of this monumental piece of music with the uniquely rhythmic and expressive movements of 'Tswana', the traditional dance of Botswana. Rooted in story-telling and healing rituals, Masilo and her dancers have created an exhilarating performance that they now wish to share through a practical workshop ahead of their opening night performance.

If you would learn more about the work, and see the company in action, please click here.

## **Consent Form**

To secure your daughter's free place on this workshop, please complete the consent form which has been added to their ParentPay account by Monday 20 February. This is not a compulsory element of the BTEC Dance course. If your daughter does not wish to attend, simply leave the consent form uncompleted.

If you have any questions about this event, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards
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