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Stepping Out...

Step into Dance LIVE! at the Bloomsbury Theatre

Step into Dance LIVE! on Saturday 14 July was the culmination of a successful pilot dance programme. Since January, Step into Dance, over two terms has provided free, weekly dance classes to over 400 students in 28 secondary schools in four London boroughs.

Twelve secondary schools took part in the diverse programme for the evening, 11 schools performed and one school, Jack Taylor School from Camden held a showing of work in June, which was filmed and screened on Saturday night.

Each of the four boroughs, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington were represented on the night and the size of the groups varied from a male duet to a piece for 15 dancers. There was also a good mix of dance genres; with street dance, contemporary, capoeira and jazz and fusions of each.

Jack Petchey OBE, founder of the Jack Petchey Foundation attended the premiere event, he said: [insert quote]

The evening, was brought to a close by remarks from Luke Rittner, Chief Executive of the RAD who was delighted to be able to announce that funding from the Jack Petchey Foundation would be continued next year, with a further £179,000 being allocated to enable the programme to be rolled out into four new boroughs, Wandsworth, Merton, Croydon and Hammersmith & Fulham, from January 2008.

The programme will continue to run in the existing boroughs from the beginning of the Autumn term in September with new schools from the new boroughs coming on board from January 2008.

If you are a student or school representative wishing to find out how you or your school can get involved in *Step into Dance*, please contact Charlotte Slayford e: cslayford@rad.org.uk t: +44 (0)20 7326 8044.

We would also like to hear from qualified dance teachers who are interested in teaching in secondary schools. *Step into Dance* teachers will have the opportunity to take part in a tailored training and development programme delivered in partnership with Youth Dance England and the National Dance Teachers Association. For more information and application process, contact Anita Wadsworth, Community Dance Manager e: stepintodance@rad.org.uk T: 07890 008403

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Notes for Editors

The Royal Academy of Dance is one of the world's leading dance education providers and is a prominent contributor to the global dance community. The Royal Academy of Dance promotes knowledge, understanding and practice of dance internationally. It seeks to accomplish its mission through promoting dance, educating and training students and teachers and providing examinations to monitor and reward achievement. It has approximately 13,500 members in 79 countries, approximately one third of its members are RAD Registered Teachers, training and inspiring young people every day. Although classical ballet is at its core the Academy offers a far wider range of dance and forms and works with renowned teachers and choreographers on a regular basis to ensure that delivery is always of the highest standard.

The Jack Petchey Foundation, established in 1999, offers grants to programmes and projects that benefit young people aged 11 – 25 in London and Essex. The Foundation is eager to help young people take advantage of a range of opportunities and to play their part in society and to date has donated £30 million to programmes and initiatives in London and Essex.

Grants are given through different programmes including: Achievement Award Scheme, Leader Award Scheme, Projects Grants and Sponsorship

The foundation operates in London, Essex and Portugal. As well as the successful Achievement and Leader Awards Scheme the Foundation is also funding other projects including dance, public speaking, young enterprise, overseas adventures and community schemes, out of school hours learning programmes, the London wide Summer Uni initiative and the London wide JPG Speak Out Challenge. It has also formally joined London Legacy 2020 and allocated £10 million to support programmes related to opportunities created by the Olympics. Part of this sum will be channeled through initiatives supported by the East London Business Alliance (ELBA).

List of Schools who took part in Step into Dance Live!

- **School:** Islington Arts and Media **Choreographer:** Tanya Whittick
Music: *t plays it cool*, Marvin Gaye and inner city blues
- **School:** Camden School for Girls **Choreographer:** Donna Craig and dancers
Music: *It was all in your mind*, Wade Robson, *One Thing*, Amerie, *O2 song*, Jackson and his computer band, *Unknown*, Ludacris, *Trilogy*, Kelis
- **School:** Enfield County School **Choreographer:** Kamara Gray
Music: *Chillin' in the Key of E*, Miri Ben-Ari
- **School:** Jack Taylor School (Screening) **Choreographer:** Paulette Irving
Music: *Daydream No. 9 / Show me all your colours*, The James Taylor Quartet featuring Roy Ayers and Ian Anderson
- **School:** St Aloysius College **Choreographer:** Jodie Reynolds (G Force Productions)
Music: *Gotta get Through this*, Daniel Bedingfield
- **School:** Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School **Choreographer:** Jose Marcelo de Lima
Music: *Volume VI*, Grupo Muzenza Capoeira
- **School:** Edmonton County School (Group 1) **Choreographer:** Kamara Gray
Music: *Hollywood*, Jay-Z featuring Beyonce
- **School:** Edmonton County School (Group 2) **Choreographer:** Kamara Gray
Music: *Lacrymosa*, Evanescence
- **School:** Broomfield School **Choreographer:** Jason Piper
Music: *Two men shoe*, Timberland & Elton John, *The jump off*, Lil' Kim
- **School:** Northumberland Park Community School **Choreographer:** Tanya Leslie (G Force Productions)
Music: *Pick it Up*, Candice
- **School:** Hornsey School for Girls **Choreographer:** Helen Sollis
Music: *Twentysomething*, Jamie Cullum