

Open Call For Recent Dance Graduates:

Step Up: Dance Project 2015

Step Up: Dance Project is delighted to announce its Open Call for participants for 2015.

Step Up: Dance Project is a partnership between Dance Limerick, Dance Ireland and the University of Limerick, which aims to bridge the gap between dance education and professional contemporary dance practice in Ireland.

It is an intensive five-week programme of training, rehearsals, performance and development for six selected dancers who have completed their professional training within the last three years. The Step Up programme will enhance these dancers' professional networks by connecting them to the Irish contemporary dance community and improving their professional opportunities in Ireland.

In its fifth year, this initiative will give dance graduates an opportunity to work under the direction of guest choreographer H el ene Cathala (FR), to create a new dance work to be performed at Dance Limerick, the Firkin Crane in Cork and DanceHouse in Dublin. Performances will take place over the last days of the project (6-8 August). Guest dance teachers will also work with the participants over the five week period.

The project will run from 06 July to 8 August and dancers will reside at UL, utilising state of the art studios and facilities at the Irish World Academy. Accommodation will be provided and participants will receive an honorarium for their involvement and to assist with travel and living expenses.

We are seeking applications from exceptional young dancers who will graduate in summer 2015 or who have graduated from professional level dance training within the past three years. Applicants must be born in, or resident in the Republic of Ireland and have a strong dance technique.

Please send your CV, a web link of recent dance footage, along with a one-page cover letter describing why you would like to be involved in the project. Please e-mail applications by the deadline 5pm, **Friday 17 April 2015** to stepupdanceproject@gmail.com with Step Up Application in the subject line.

A shortlist of applicants will be invited to audition on **Friday 8 May**. Six dancers will then be selected from audition to take part in the Step Up 2015 programme. Letters of offer will be sent mid-May.

Step Up: Dance Project, is a partnership between the Arts Council, Dance Ireland, Dance Limerick and the University of Limerick.

For any questions about the application process, please contact Jenny Traynor at stepupdanceproject@gmail.com or on 061 467813.



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