**Youth Dance Platform**

**SHOWCASING DIVERSE STYLES OF DANCE PERFORMED BY YOUTH GROUPS (**8 - 20 years of age)

We are proud to launch the first Youth Dance Platform as part of Dance Festival Malta 2023. We invite the very best of young local dance talent to explore the professional performing arts in a supportive, inclusive, and non-competitive setting. The platform aims to provide opportunities to broaden experience and develop networks between educators, dancers, choreographers, and organisations. DFM encourages interested participants to apply to present their work. We welcome applications from organisations, youth companies and dance schools across Malta and Gozo in a dance genre of their choice with a finished work or work in progress in an informal studio sharing followed by a feedback discussion, moderated by Dr Paula Guzzanti (PhD *Improvisation Practice, MLitt by Research, BA International Relations. Head of Department / Erasmus Academic Coordinator, School of Performing Arts*)

This event aims to bring together selected applicants to celebrate the skills, talent, and creativity of young dancers across the Maltese islands and showcase an eclectic mix of dance works and artistic excellence from their early years. It is an opportunity for aspiring dancers to experience the importance of sharing work in a stripped-down space with no costumes or lighting but simply their artistic skills. This event aims to open paths of discourse and feedback which will help the continuity and development of their dance journey.

* Date of Sharing 27th July 2023
* Time of Sharing 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
* Venue: The Dance Workshop 1, Triq San Lawrenz, Pieta.
* Applications sent to DFM@Festivals.mt

**How to apply:**

Please provide as much information as possible in the form below.

* Name of group, institution or School
* Number of performers
* Name of leader
* Email address
* Name of choreographer
* Short synopsis that describes the choreography (50 words)
* Video link of the actual work or work in progress (no longer than 2 minutes)
* Title of the piece
* Music

**Important information:**

* Length of work for groups – 5 minutes
* Length of work for solos – 3 minutes
* All music must be provided electronically – this must not be an online link (YouTube, Spotify etc.)
* The information you provide will also be used in the event programme.
* Throughout the sharing, young people may be filmed and photographed for archival purposes and for use on our social media platforms. We must have confirmation that you have obtained a written consent form for each performer or from the parent and/or guardian.
* All selected participants must stay for the duration of the sharing to be part of the post-discussion.
* Costumes are not a requirement but feel free to explore your options.
* There will be no rehearsal in the space
* Dimensions of studio space: 12m x 9.6m
* There will be a small audience of fellow students, educators, and artists.
* There will be no lighting involved.
* Deadline for application: 20th May 2023 (noon)