

WinterDance Festival 2018

In an effort to liven up the dark winter months, Confederation Centre of the Arts' *dance umbrella* invites you to our second annual WinterDance Festival! Join us for an exciting two days of workshops with guest artists Sion Irwin-Childs, Kristen Pottle and Luke Ignace, along with Taryn Kristalovich (Verkerk).

Taryn will kick off each day with a specialised warm up – Barre Core or Yoga. Sion's classes will focus on the choreographic process in the world of contemporary dance while Kristen will delve into the realm of musical theatre dance styles. Luke will lead a special hip hop workshop with Bahamian flair. All will culminate in a sharing of these new skills on Saturday afternoon at the conclusion of the Festival in the Florence Simmons Performance Hall, followed by a Q&A with Kristen and Sion.

What better way to spend a cold, dreary weekend in February?

WinterDance Workshop Leaders

Kristen Pottle is a sought after performer and teacher in the Canadian Musical Theatre Industry. Gaining a reputation as a true triple threat performer, work has taken her across Canada and the United States. She has spent five seasons at The Charlottetown Festival in *Anne of Green Gables* and other productions in various roles including dance captain and Associate Choreographer. Other career highlights include the North American Tour/Toronto cast of *The Wizard of Oz* and *West Side Story* with Vancouver Opera and The Citadel Theatre/Banff Program. Growing up in Fredericton, NB, she began her dance training at a young age and the path from there was clear. Her training brought her to Toronto and The Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts where she received the Triple Threat Award upon graduating. While performing Kristen developed a love for teaching and has loaned her talents to various workshops and studios.

Sion Irwin-Childs is a critically acclaimed choreographer, performer, and who has taught across Canada, from coast to coast. He carries a dance M.A. as well as an English degree from York University. After many years of teaching dance composition for Ballet Jörgen Canada and George Brown, he recently left to pursue equestrian interests and help nurture dance at a grass-roots level across the country. His touring workshop is based on a highly-rated Ballet Jörgen Canada Summer School series, gleaned from 13 years of experience.

Taryn Kristalovich (Verkerk) holds her BFA in Theatre Performance-Dance from Ryerson University. She has trained and performed around the world in various styles such as contemporary, jazz, ballet, and tap. Prior to moving to the Island to teach with *dance umbrella* and the *Holland College/Confederation Centre partnership School of Performing Arts* four years ago, Taryn spent several years teaching and choreographing in BC. In addition to her teaching, Taryn has been the choreographer for several Confederation Centre Christmas productions, as well as assistant choreographer for the Confederation Centre Young Company (2014-2016). A Registered Yoga Teacher since 2013, Taryn also teaches weekly classes at Dynamic Fitness in Charlottetown.

Luke Ignace is a graduate of the Holland College School of Performing Arts in Theatre Performance and also trained at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. Luke has been a part of a variety of artistic projects - from the Fathers of Confederation to directing his very own *play This Must be the Place*. Luke is passionate dance, most especially about Hip Hop and Breakdance, and he is a member of the 'XclusiV Crew' based in Grand Bahama, Bahamas.

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Friday, February 16th, 2017

Registration/Check In/Welcome:

9:30-10:00am – Studio 2 Concourse – Confederation Centre of the Arts

	Mawson Rehearsal Hall	Studio 2
10:00-11:00am		Barre Core with Taryn Kristalovich- <i>all participants</i>
11:30am-1:30pm	Kristen with Seniors	Sion with Intermediates
<i>LUNCH (please provide your own)</i>		
2:00pm-4:00pm	Kristen with Intermediates	Sion with Seniors
4:30pm-6:00pm	Both groups - Hip Hop with Luke in the Mawson	

Saturday, February 17th, 2017

9:00-9:45am	Florence Simmons Performance Hall –Winter Yoga Warm Up with Taryn Kristalovich (<i>limited space-please bring your own mat!</i>)
10:00am -12:00pm	FSPH – Sion & Intermediates
10:15am-12:15pm	The Mack – Kristen & Seniors
<i>LUNCH (please provide your own)</i>	
1:00pm-3:00pm	FSPH – Sion & Seniors
12:45pm-2:45pm	The Mack – Kristen & Intermediates
<i>BREAK</i>	
3:15pm-4:00pm	FSPH - Run-through of sharing pieces from the workshops
4:00pm-5:00pm	Florence Simmons Performance Hall - WinterDance Festival Share, followed by Q&A all parents/guardians are welcome to attend!

Studio Locations:

Confederation Centre of the Arts – Enter via Stage Door on 145 Richmond Street. Follow signage to Mawson Rehearsal Hall (backstage) and Studio 2

The Mack Theatre – 128 Great George St (corner of Grafton and Great George streets)

Florence Simmons Performance Hall - 140 Weymouth St (8-10 minute walk from The Mack)