

TOUCH COMPASS DANCE TRUST (TCDT) NEWSLETTER November 2008

Welcome to the Touch Compass November 2008 newsletter.

HARMONIOUS ODDITY FEEDBACK AND TEMPO AWARDS

Harmonious Oddity premiered at the Maidment Theatre 1st - 4th October. The season went very well and we received fantastic feedback from our audiences.

"What I particularly liked about Harmonious Oddity was the way in which Jesse's dream space seemed to fill the theatre.. every corner, every molecule of air felt affected by the gentle magic of this performance. Just simply, I was transported..." Celine Sumic - Audience member

"A poignant, beautiful, playful, melancholic, marvellous show dear friends. I knew it but it all surprised me, and took me on an incredible journey. Fantastic, fantastic work." Holly - Audience member

The show won two **2008 Tempo Dance Festival Awards** - **Best Costumes** for Suzanne Cowan's *Grotteschi*, and **Best in Show - People's Choice Award**. Thanks to everyone who voted for *Harmonious Oddity*!

The Company recently presented an abridged version of the show in Hamilton, at the Hamilton Disability Pride Festival, and will also perform in Dunedin 29th and 30th Nov for Celebrate Diversity Week. See our website www.touchcompass.org.nz for more details.

Congratulations to the Harmonious Oddity audience survey winner, Dolina Wehipeihana on winning a copy of the Touch Compass book. Thanks to all who completed the audience survey. This information greatly helps us in planning for the future.

HARMONIOUS ODDITY SPONSORS

Touch Compass sincerely thanks the following sponsors and supporters of the 2008 season of dance, *Harmonious Oddity*.

Creative New Zealand	Auckland City Council - Arts Alive	SkyCity Community Trust
PaknSave Albany	CCS Disability Action	University Of Auckland Idea
Services (IHC)	Rehabilitation Welfare Trust	Studio Alexander
Tempo Dance Festival	DANZ (Dance Aotearoa New Zealand)	

CREATIVE NZ GRANTS

Touch Compass was successful in securing two grants from Creative NZ for activities during 2009. The first grant will allow Touch Compass to perform at the Art of Difference Festival in Melbourne, Australia in March 2009. The second grant is for a choreo-lab project which will take place March to May 2009, giving emerging choreographers the opportunity to work with integrated dancers and to develop their craft.

TOUCH COMPASS TO PERFORM IN DUNEDIN

See Touch Compass at Dunedin Diversity Week

Touch Compass performances and workshop

Performances - 29th Nov at 7.15 pm and 30 Nov at 1.15pm

Workshop - Sunday 30 Nov at 3.15pm

Mary Hopewell Theatre Dunedin College of Education, 145 Union St, behind the library

Cost: Free Contact: David Howard - davidhoward@xtra.co.nz 0274821002

For further information contact info@touchcompass.org.nz or phone 021 989 447

MARCELLIN COLLEGE FUNDRAISE FOR TOUCH COMPASS STUDIO

During September, the wonderful year 10 dance students at Marcellin College held a fundraising event, raising \$400 for Touch Compass's planned new studio and education programme. It was fantastic to see these young people take it upon themselves to raise funds for Touch Compass. Special thanks to students Metu and Vili, and teacher Molly Nicholas for their efforts.

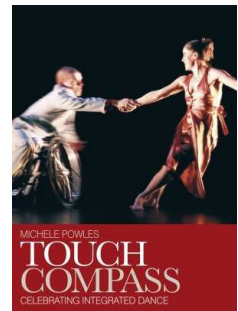
TOUCH COMPASS 2008 T-SHIRTS

Available for sale on the Touch Compass website of Harmonious Oddity are these eye-catching t-shirts. Available in ladies fitted and unisex sizes for \$30 plus \$3 postage and packaging within NZ.



TOUCH COMPASS BOOK

Christmas is coming up fast - if you're looking for a unique NZ gift to send to fellow dance fanatics in NZ or overseas, look no further than the book **Touch Compass: Celebrating Integrated Dance** by Michele Powles. The book is available for purchase from our new look website: www.touchcompass.org.nz on the Shop page. The book chronicles the first 10 years of Touch Compass, and is filled with stunning colour and black and white images. \$35.00 plus \$4.95 postage and packaging within NZ.



CONGRATULATIONS SUZANNE!

Congratulations to Touch Compass choreographer, dancer and Trustee Suzanne Cowan who is nearing completion of her MCPA (Master of Creative and Performing Arts) in dance, and also to being selected as a finalist in the Attitude Arts Awards. The Attitude Awards are a new Attitude TV initiative, that seek to honour the outstanding achievements of ordinary New Zealanders who have disabilities.

WELLPARK STUDENTS TREAT TOUCH COMPASS DANCERS

Students from Wellpark College of Natural Therapies recently gave free massages to Touch Compass dancers, as part of their training. The massages have been gratefully accepted by dancers preparing for performances in Hamilton and Dunedin. Thanks Wellpark College!

ENCOMPASS COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

We are planning to expand the Encompass education programme in 2009, offering more regular school and community workshops in Auckland, and taking some workshops to Wellington and Tauranga. If you want Touch Compass workshops to come to your town, contact us to see how we can work together to make it happen.

NEW LOOK WEBSITE!

The new Touch Compass website is here! There is a little work still to be completed on the website, and an accessibility audit is being carried out. We aim to make our website as easily accessible to all as possible. Check it out at: www.touchcompass.org.nz

Best wishes,

Catherine Chappell - Artistic Director

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