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### I AM SAM

Jolt Youth created a new original devised full-length piece "I am Sam". The work told the story of Jolt dancer Sam's life from his birth and the reaction to having a child with down syndrome, to adulthood and the realisation that though Sam has down syndrome, this is not what defines him. It is only part of what makes him unique.

Response to the piece was quite profound. Over 300 people saw the work and we were asked to give a special performance for the Nurse Specialist Conference. For people with an understanding of disability it was a powerful representation of their experience. For those with little experience it was an opportunity to gain a new perspective.



Thanks to The Southern Trust for funding this project and Rangī Ruru Merivale Lane Theatre for their support

*"Way to go Jolt Youth! What a fantastic opportunity. Thank you for sharing your talent. I thoroughly enjoyed your performance. It was really emotional as it took me back to my experience. You made me laugh lots and the choreography was amazing. A powerful message that you captured so well". Anita Hungerford*

### TEACHER TRAINING



Our annual Teacher training 2017 was exceptional. 18 participants from 12 different organisations took part and the weekend was a wonderful opportunity to not only share our ideas but establish the beginning of a network of inclusive dance practitioners.

Special thanks to the Move trainees who taught on the course and showed their talent at improvisation!

*"Loved it so much – depth of learning that is imbedded in dance is amazing. Loved having diverse leaders"*

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## BIENNIAL SHOW

Jolts Biennial show for 2017 "Gifted" was its largest ever. Over 100 performers and over 1100 people attending our three shows.



Thank you to everyone for your incredibly generosity. We were able to cover production costs and have some money to support the class programmes. Special thanks to the Mt Pleasant Ukulele players and Global Voices Choir for their involvement.



Thanks to Creative Communities for funding the show

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## SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

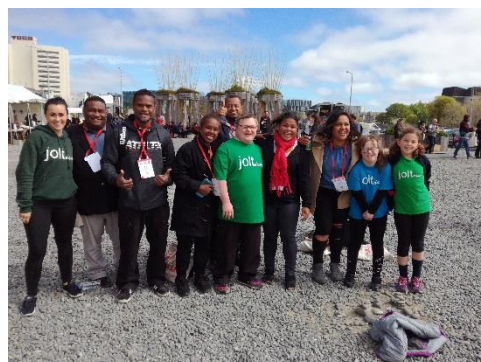
Term three was an incredibly busy term with a large number of performances, big and small!



In July Move trainees worked with students from Waitaha School to create "Human" for **Dancing like the Stars 2017**. This piece was a really beautiful and powerful expression of how we are all human. Jolt Youth also performed at this annual celebration of dance in primary schools with their exuberant piece "Live and let Die"

Jolt tutor Aleasha Seaward performed two duets: "Moon River" with Stephen Ecker and "Connections" with Tia de Bie, for the **Volunteering Canterbury AGM**:

In September Aleasha and Stephen again performed "Moon River" at the Dance'o'Mat for the **Social Enterprise World Forum**. Samantha Davis and Savanna Leigh also performed on the dance'o'mat - an energetic duet "Drag me Down".



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## WORKSHOPS

Renee and Lyn with support from the Move trainees have also run dance workshops at Avonside High School, Waimea College and the Unlearning Conference in Christchurch.

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## FAREWELL BUT NOT GOODBYE

**Brian Reddington** was a founding trustee since Jolt began in 2007. He served as our treasurer from that point until now. He has overseen the growth of Jolt from one class and one teacher in 2007 through to a wonderful developing organisation with 10 classes, the Move Programme, Jolt Interactive and so many unforgettable performances.

Through all of this time, Brian has provided wise counsel regarding our finances, and as importantly, he has helped us understand our responsibilities in ways that have empowered us. He has been consistently calm, patient and supportive and has demonstrated dignity and value to all who have had the privilege to work with him.

Brian hasn't just limited himself to his role as a trustee. He is a parent, a regular volunteer at the annual Mardi Gras fundraisers and a tireless seeker of information that may be of help to Jolt.

Brian is the personification of what it means to be part of the Jolt family. He is committed, passionate and caring.



While we will miss his presence at our meetings, we are very appreciative that his expertise will still be available to us.

Thank you, Brian, for all you have done and continue to do for the Jolt family.

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## CHRISTCHURCH CIVIC AWARD 2017 RECIPIENT

Congratulations to **Derek McCullough**, Jolt's Chairperson, on being awarded "The Christchurch Civic Award 2017 for his service to the city and the people of Christchurch".

The award will be presented to Derek by The Office of the Mayor on the 16<sup>th</sup> December in recognition of his 10 years on the Arts Centre Trust, his 10 years with Jolt and the past 10 years with Mt. Pleasant Community Centre and Residents Association of which he is the recent past President and has been on the Board for 7 years.

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## CLASS INFO

An open class was held for the Junior's recently and due to the overwhelming demand we will be starting another Junior class next year bring the total of classes we run to 10!

Next term we will be returning to the **Salvation Army at Linwood** on Monday night (Teenager & Intermediate Classes only) and all three Junior classes will be there on Saturday morning. All other classes will remain at the Opawa Community Church, same day and time as this year.

Welcome back to some old faces - **Nylla** and **Alys** will be taking the Teenager and Intermediate classes on Monday night starting next year.

**Jolt Facebook** - Don't forget we have a Facebook page. This is a great place to catch up with what's going on within Jolt and also another way we can get important information through to you.



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**CLASS DATES FOR 2018****Term 1**

Intermediate, Teenagers, Creative Mvmt & Jolt Youth (5<sup>th</sup> Feb – 9<sup>th</sup> Apr)

Move (30<sup>th</sup> Jan – 10<sup>th</sup> Apr)

Young Adults, Adults 2, Adults 1 (7<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4<sup>th</sup> Apr)

Junior, 1 Junior 2, Junior 3 (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 7<sup>th</sup> Apr)

**NO CLASSES EASTER WEEKEND – SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH & MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

**Term 2**

Intermediate, Teenagers, Creative Mvmt & Jolt Youth (30<sup>th</sup> Apr – 25<sup>th</sup> Jun)

Move (1<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> July)

Young Adults, Adults 2, Adults 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> May – 27<sup>th</sup> Jun)

Junior, 1 Junior 2, Junior 3 (5<sup>th</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> Jun)

**Term 3**

Intermediate, Teenagers, Creative Mvmt & Jolt Youth (23<sup>rd</sup> Jul – 17 Sep)

Move (24<sup>th</sup> Jul – 25<sup>th</sup> Sep)

Young Adults, Adults 2, Adults 1 (25<sup>th</sup> Jul – 19<sup>th</sup> Sep)

Junior, 1 Junior 2, Junior 3 (28<sup>th</sup> Jul – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep)

**Term 4**

Intermediate, Teenagers, Creative Mvmt & Jolt Youth (15<sup>th</sup> Oct – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Move (16<sup>th</sup> Oct – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Young Adults, Adults 2, Adults 1 (17<sup>th</sup> Oct – 12<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Junior, 1 Junior 2, Junior 3 (20<sup>th</sup> Oct – 15<sup>th</sup> Dec)

**DATES FOR YOUR 2018 DIARY**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Jolt Annual Fundraising Dinner

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