

JOY of MOTION® DANCE CENTER

Hailed “the area’s most comprehensive dance institution” by *The Washington Post*, Joy of Motion Dance Center (JOMDC) is dedicated to providing unparalleled learning and performance opportunities that reinforce the principle that *Dance is for Everyone*. Since its founding in 1976, JOMDC has earned a reputation for excellence in dance education, diversity of programming, and community service. For this, JOMDC has been honored with the Mayor’s Arts Awards for Excellence in Service to the Arts and for Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education.

For adults, JOMDC provides over 175 classes, teaching dance to 4,000 Washington area residents each week. Ranging from Intro to Dance for beginners to advanced classes for professional dancers, JOMDC provides a complete adult dance curriculum, including its popular Studio to Stage performance classes and 30 workshops/master classes each year—leading the region in diversity of dance styles offered.

For the 1,000 weekly youth students, JOMDC offers nearly 150 classes during the school year, camps and intensives during the summer, 7 dance companies for aspiring performers, and the acclaimed Youth Dance Ensemble, winner of the 2006 Metro DC Dance Award for Outstanding Youth Performance, and praised by the National Dance Education Organization. JOMDC was recently voted “Best Dance Studio for Kids” by *Bethesda Magazine*.

Project Motion Community Outreach extends the reach of our mission to disadvantaged children, seniors, and adults. *Motion Express* youth outreach currently brings the joy and benefits of dance to 500 at-risk children in DC public schools. *Step Ahead*, JOMDC’s job skills program in conjunction with the Mayor’s Summer Youth Employment Program, provides 10 weeks of day-long dance training to 50 inner-city teens. The *Dance is for Everyone Youth Scholarship Program* assists families seeking quality dance education for their children through full and partial scholarships. JOMDC is a regional dance center for D.A.R.E.® Dance America, teaching dance as an alternative to drugs, alcohol, and violence in 9 local partner schools. And *Seniors in Motion*, JOMDC’s expanding program for mature dancers regularly enriches the lives of over 100 seniors.

Currently, with 11 studio spaces open 7 days a week, JOMDC engages over 100 qualified, talented dance educators for its classes, programs, and outreach initiatives, making JOMDC the leading employer of dance artists/educators and the largest dance education center in the region

JOMDC supports local dance education and performance by housing 8 Resident Arts Partners, 2 Resident Companies, 7 Youth Companies, and the award-winning Youth Dance Ensemble.

Each year, tens of thousands of children and adults participate in dance classes, workshops, master classes, festivals, and performances throughout the area—including our 4 studio locations in Dupont Circle, Friendship Heights, and H Street NE in the District and in Bethesda, Maryland.

Every day, through its classes, companies, master classes, workshops, performance venue (The Jack Guidone Theater), outreach initiatives, innovative programming, Arts Partners, artistic collaborations, and stellar faculty, JOMDC lives its motto: *Dance is for Everyone*.

