



Cats The Musical Easter Workshop

With Graham Fletcher Leicestershire Arts Dance Activate

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Young dancers in Leicestershire have a fantastic opportunity this Easter in being able to take part in an exclusive CATS the musical four day workshop at Guthlaxton College in Wigston. The workshop is being organised by Graham Fletcher, a former principal dancer with the Royal Ballet who was asked by Andrew Lloyd Webber to star as the principal Cats character Mister Mistoffelees as part of the original London production of this iconic musical.

Graham Fletcher is well known in the region having promoted dance in Leicestershire's schools for more than 13 years and is now director of Leicestershire Arts Dance Activate as well as Ballet Associates, the only intensive classical ballet training scheme of this standard in the East Midlands.

Graham says 'As Cats is coming to Milton Keynes theatre in the summer and I was part of the original cast, I thought it would be a great opportunity for dance students to take part in a workshop



Cats The Musical is at Milton Keynes Theatre 25 June - 6 July - book online at www.atglickets.com

where they will learn all about the Cats characters and create their own numbers from the show in the unique style of the choreography. To bring it all to life anyone who takes part in my workshop also has the option to book tickets for an outing to see Cats at Milton Keynes in July. The production company has laid on a special pre-theatre event especially for

us - we will be watching the Cats company dancers do their pre-show warm-up on stage and taking part in a talk hosted by the company manager. We may also even get to meet a real life Cat or two!

The Cats workshop and performance event is very typical of the activities that are organized at Dance Activate, which is also a registered Arts Awards centre. Through Graham's contacts, students are regularly offered opportunities to experience something new. Last year there was the chance to experience working on stage with English National Ballet, see them perform, meet dance act Flawless at the Royal Concert Theatre Nottingham, as well as being part of Dance Activate's sell out production at Curve Theatre Leicester as part of Big Dance 2012 celebration week. This year Balletboyz will host an exclusive workshop for Dance Activate students on stage at Curve, and plans are already taking shape to visit the home of English National Ballet in London and to see their

award winning production of Swan Lake at the Albert Hall.

Graham's regular weekly classes include Dance Activate Diddlers for young children in Market Harborough, classical ballet, contemporary, tap and Dance RoX! which covers jazz, musical theatre, hip hop and street dance. In addition Graham also invites city and county schools to participate in his on-site creative dance workshops and hosts his unique annual Ballet RoX! Summer School which this year takes place from Monday August 19th. 

If you are a dancer and would like to join DANCE ACTIVATE'S CATS THE MUSICAL WORKSHOP at Easter or want to know more about classes, please contact Graham Fletcher on 0771 772 1916. Alternatively you can email him directly at grahamfletcher001@btinternet.com or find further details on www.danceactivate.co.uk. If you are interested in auditioning for the Ballet Associates scheme you can find further details at www.balletassociates.co.uk.

