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Kaeja d'Dance Offers Contemporary Dance Workshops and performances to Ottawa Students

Kaeja d'Dance, Toronto-based contemporary dance company working in education and outreach initiatives, is excited to be offering contemporary dance workshops to the local public schools of Ottawa from February 2 to 4, 2004.

Kd'D2, a **Kaeja d'Dance** project of young professional dancers mentored by Co-Artistic Directors Allen and Karen Kaeja, will be teaching EXPRESS DANCE workshops and performing Allen Kaeja's critically acclaimed **Resistance** in matinee performances for the students at de la Salle Ecole Secondaire.

Allen and Karen Kaeja created EXPRESS DANCE as an approach to teaching in the schools, allowing students to develop their own movement vocabulary and create personal dances. This innovative arts-in-education initiative has toured to 14 communities across Ontario over three years, and has given hundreds of students their first experience of contemporary dance.

Resistance is a 40-minute work that explores the power of the human spirit against oppression. The work lets loose an ensemble of six stunning performers in a powerful experience of daring trust and uncompromising physicality. The Washington Post described **Resistance** as "*beautifully evocative, powerfully realized and ultimately uplifting.*"

The **Kd'D2** initiative provides experience for dancers early in their careers to make the transition from their training program to a professional career as a dance artist. The exceptional dancers chosen for **Kd'D2** 2004 are: Piotr Biernat, Susanne Chui, Kate Franklin, Jennifer Helland, Christa Lohead and Timothy Spronk with apprentices Bea Benian and Jonathan Lawley.

Kd'D2 will also be teaching and performing in Strathroy and Toronto.

ABOUT KAEJA D'DANCE

Kaeja d'Dance is a contemporary dance company based in Toronto, working in performance, education and film. Our mission is to inspire people to envision, through contemporary dance, larger worlds than their immediate experience. We also strive to develop young dancers and express the creative vision of Karen and Allen Kaeja so that we may educate, challenge and entertain our audiences.

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