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here are almost as many reasons to enroll for a summer workshop as there are teacher training programs to choose from. Whether you want to immerse yourself in technique class or focus more generally on pedagogy principles; whether you're a dance studio owner in need of business advice or a teaching artist looking for classroom management tips, I'm confident you'll find what you need in "Teacher Training Guide," which begins on page 9.

An oft-cited benefit is the opportunity to refresh and revive. A summer intensive can be an antidote for burnout! And for those who work largely alone—as the only dance teacher at your school, or the only dance school in your community—it's a fine opportunity to meet likeminded professionals with whom you can communicate throughout the year.

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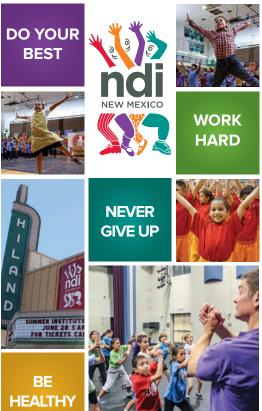
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Dawn Lane's students at Becket Washington School share what they've learned about the solar system.

# **MOVING TO LEARN**

#### Jacob's Pillow teaching artists help bring academics to life.

#### **BY ASHLEY RIVERS**

n the auditorium of Becket Washington School in Massachusetts, third-graders huddle at center stage. The music begins, and one by one the children open out toward the audience, peeling away and circling backward around the center. What looks to an audience of their parents like a rather sophisticated pattern of choreography is actually an exploration of how the solar system works.

Jacob's Pillow has collaborated with Berkshire County schools since 1988, and now holds twoweek residencies in which artist-educators transform academic curriculum into a kinetic experience. Since 1994, Curriculum in Motion, which started as a way for the internationally reputed summer festival to become more involved in the local community, has grown into one of the most successful cross-curricular programs in the country. It builds confidence in students who are not natural desk learners and raises test scores across the board.

#### **Building Community Relationships**

Throughout two decades, the Pillow has established strong relationships with Berkshire County schools. "The students know us, the teachers know us," says "J.R." Glover, Jacob's Pillow director of education. "There's a familiarity, which advances the work we're not starting over each year."

The program structure is simple: Teachers propose a subject, then meet with one of the Pillow's artist-

educators a month or more in advance of the residency. "Initially, it was the drama teachers and the gym teachers that were signing up," Glover says. "Today it's the biology teacher, the physics teacher and the social studies teacher." The artists create the movement exercises and co-teach with the classroom teacher. "The artist-educators are the choreographic, problem-solver experts and the classroom teachers are the academic-curriculum experts," says Glover. "In the classroom, the choreographer generally takes the lead, but the classroom teachers are always interjecting specifics about the curriculum." At the end of the residency, students participate in an informal sharing, where they perform the results of their study for peers and parents.

#### **Creating an Experience**

The teaching artists reach beyond obvious illustrations of classroom subjects. "In years past, the first grade studied endangered species," says artist-educator Dawn Lane. "You can so easily have a bunch of first-graders crawling on the ground, growling like tigers," she says. "But instead, it's about stepping back from that and talking about an idea, like protection. What does it mean when something is slowly going away?" This idea of finding the metaphor applies to each subject taught in the program.

"We find a connection to the world beyond what's being studied at the moment," says Glover.

Kimberli Boyd's dancingfraction students at Conte Community School

"If we're looking at fractions, there's this idea that we're all part of a whole."

Doing this in an accessible way takes thorough planning. For strictly fact-based subjects like math and science, the teaching artists begin by illustrating the most basic concepts in space. Last fall, for instance, third-graders at Conte Community School began exploring fractions with movement duets: One student portrayed the numerator and one the denominator. "They might use an upward movement for the numerator and a downward movement for the denominator," says Glover. "They're working with the idea of time and space and level changes."

Later in the residency, the students performed a line dance, in which they represented points on a number line, with "zero" at one end and "one" at the other. When a student in the role of "caller" called out a fraction, like 2/3 or 7/8, another student would improvise their way to the point on the number line where that fraction belonged.

With subjects like history or creative writing, the process may be more open to interpretation. In January, Lane worked with students on a history lesson about the westward expansion in the U.S. "Initially, we talked about the simple notion of being apart and together, and being confined and feeling the need to expand and change," she says. "So they came up with movement about feeling restricted. From there, we worked on axial and locomotor movement, and then I started to add in some of the history. I talked to them about being movement pioneers and explorers themselves in this movement discovery."

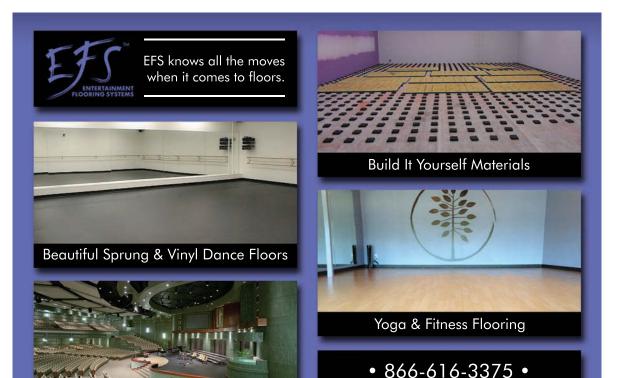
The Pillow's four primary teaching artists have longstanding relationships with the program, and they have also begun training new teachers, who start out as assistants during residencies. With 9 to 10 teaching artists on the roster to draw from, the program works with three K–12 schools annually. To ensure continuity, the lead artist-educators remain exclusive to their school from one year to the next that is, Lane specializes in work with Becket Washington, Kimberli Boyd works with Conte students and two teaching artists lead residencies at a local high school. Altogether this adds up to eight weeks of residencies each year, with two weeks in each of the elementary schools and four weeks with high school students.

#### **Clear Benefits**

Test scores affirm the program's success. Although the Conte math residency was intended to simply introduce the concept before the class officially studied fractions, 67 percent of the 36 students passed a pre-test, scoring a 74 or higher. Three earned perfect scores. "I'm not surprised," says Glover, who notes that students who have participated in the residencies tend to score 5 percent higher on conceptual portions of tests than those who have not. "It's in the body, in the mind. We've had students stand up in the middle of a test and go through a series of motions and sit back down and answer."

And the benefits reach beyond test scores. The residencies generally have a positive impact on classroom behavioral issues. And, as Lane points out, a student who is typically a shy follower in the classroom may blossom as a leader. "They are also learning that learning is fun," says Glover, "and that the ideas connect to their own lives at home and in the community."

Ashley Rivers is a Boston-based arts writer.



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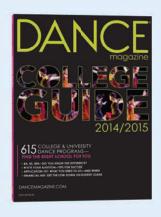
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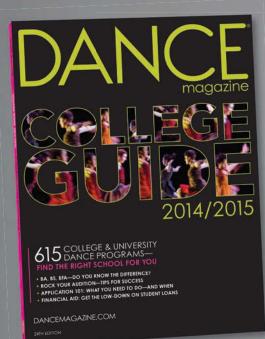
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