

CHUNKY MOVE

DANCE WORKSHOPS INFORMATION PACK

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About Chunky Move

Chunky Move is one of Australia's leading contemporary dance companies. We seek to redefine what is or what can be contemporary dance within an ever-evolving Australian culture – our work is both diverse in form and content.

Chunky Move's multi-tiered programming initiatives foster and support a strong and vibrant dance culture in its home city of Melbourne and also creates critically acclaimed productions for touring nationally and internationally.

Chunky Move Dance Workshops

Chunky Move Dance Workshops are a great opportunity for students to further their education experience and engage in a wide range of dance styles in a professional dance environment. With flexible content and structure, a Chunky Move workshop can be tailored to meet your group's specific needs and desired educational outcomes. Our workshops are suitable for all levels and ages and are conducted by experienced Chunky Move teachers.

Style-based Workshops

1.5 hour workshop suitable for years 8-10

Style-based workshops are a fun way to engage students and introduce them to new ways of moving, thinking and expressing themselves. During this 90 minute workshop, students will be taken through a thorough warm-up before learning specific movement phrases and putting together a short routine. A range of dance styles is available to choose from, including ballet, contemporary and funk. All workshops are taught by professional teachers who specialise in a particular genre and can guide students at all ability levels.

Ballet

Classical ballet is characterised by a standard vocabulary of steps, poses, and graceful movements including pointed feet, rising, jumping, stretching and spinning. It is strengthening, disciplined and stylised. The class starts with exercises at the barre followed by work in the centre of the floor.

Contemporary

Contemporary dance borrows from jazz, ballet, funk, social dance styles and many modern dance styles of the 20th century. Contemporary dance encourages natural, spontaneous movement and personal interpretation. It focuses on self-expression, awareness of space and body movement, use of body weight, efficiency of muscle use and safe body alignment. Workshops start with a comprehensive warm-up and gradually build up to more elaborate dance routines.

Funk

Funk is an old school street style, originating in California in the 1970s during the funk era. It is a stylised combination of street funk, hip hop and pop, similar to the styles seen in music video clips for Beyonce and Jennifer Lopez. Funk workshops are perfect for students who have never danced before. A usual class begins with a funky warm-up, light stretching and culminates with a fun routine.

Repertoire Workshops

Full-day workshop suitable for years 11-12

Taught by Chunky Move performers, these workshops explore the choreography and creation of a specific Chunky Move production and provide participants with the invaluable experience of being directly immersed in some of the company's most acclaimed productions.

The full-day workshop incorporates a thorough warm up, an introduction to the choreography, as well as learning specific sections. The day concludes with a discussion and a Q & A session about the production and what students have learnt. In addition, a production DVD of the original performance is provided as an educational resource to enable students to fully prepare for this workshop. Repertoire workshops provide significant educational insight into the inner workings of a professional dance company and contemporary choreographic practice.

Repertoire workshops are taught by experienced teachers who performed in the original work. Therefore, when contacting us to book your Repertoire Workshop, please be aware that these workshops are subject to the availability of specific teachers. We will discuss repertoire options with you and choose the most suitable workshop for the experience level and needs of your group.

Excursion/Incursion Options

Excursion Option

Dance workshops are held at Chunky Move's purpose-built dance studios, featuring sprung flooring, moveable mirrors and high-quality audio system. Situated in the heart of Melbourne's arts precinct, the studios are easily accessible by public transport.

Incursion Option

Upon request, dance workshops can be held at your school. Please bear in mind that you must be able to provide a suitable venue and that an extra fee may be charged to cover the teacher's travel expenses.

Cost

Workshop Type	Suitable For	Duration	Cost per student	No. Students	Minimum cost
Style-based	Years 8-10	1.5 hours	\$20	20 (min) – 30 (max)	\$400
Repertoire	Years 11-12	Full day (10:00am-2:30pm)	\$30	20 (min) – 30 (max)	\$600

Please note: All prices are exclusive of GST.

Enquiries & Bookings

For all enquiries about Chunky Move Dance Workshops, please contact Ben Ryan, Office & Program Coordinator at Chunky Move on (03) 9645 5188 or email ben@chunkymove.com.au.

A downloadable Enquiry Form is available from the Chunky Move website. Please send your completed form through to Ben Ryan.

If you have any special requests or your group has special needs, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Once your workshop has been booked, Chunky Move will send you a confirmation letter, a workshop agreement to sign and a tax invoice for the cost of the workshop.

Educational Resources

Copies of Chunky Move works are available to purchase online through [Artfilms](http://Artfilms.com). The following works are available:

- Connected (2011)
- Mortal Engine (2008)
- Two Faced Bastard (2008)
- I Want to Dance Better at Parties (2004)

In addition, the short documentary *Just Add Water* focusing on the Chunky Move work, *Hydra*, is also available through Artfilms at www.artfilms.com.au.

In addition, short clips of Chunky Move performance works, films, interviews and more can be found at Chunky Move's YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/user/chunkstudio111.

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