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'the complete dance experience'

Feel a different beat and experience the latest dance styles from the US as they *hit* Australia. OffBeat Productions Pty Ltd proudly presents **gdc - global dance convention**[®] featuring world renowned teachers/choreographers Barry Youngblood, Alison Faulk, Gregg Russell, Gustavo Vargas and Adam Parson.

GDC is an intensive Jazz based workshop, designed to challenge dancing abilities and leave participants with a memorable sensation, and features LA's most sought after dancers and choreographers. The three-day dance workshop covering Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced levels as well as specialised Teacher classes, will be held at Sydney Olympic Sports Centre on 18th, 19th and 20th April.

The convention comprises Jazz, Hip Hop, Progressions, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Salsa and Tap classes in a motivating and friendly environment. Further encouragement is taken from the concluding hour of the workshop which includes student and faculty performances, comprehensive Q&A session with the teachers and participant awards presentation, making this *'the complete dance experience'*.

"Students will be excited and inspired by the dynamic styles of dance direct from the US", explains Director of OffBeat Productions, Abby Crossley. "These guys are the preferred choreographers of many prominent entertainers and they possess a fresh approach to teaching".

"Barry's special unique brand of hip-hop is fierce and ferocious, versatile Alison morphs from balletic arabesques to high-octane street dance and Gregg's energy and passionate teaching style is a favourite among dancers worldwide", Abby goes on to say.

Collectively, the GDC faculty have worked with Madonna, Janet Jackson, Jennifer Lopez, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and Pink in addition to appearing on *So You Think You Can Dance* and in feature films *You Got Served*, *Austin Powers and Bringin' Down the House*. And while the highly respected teachers constantly travel across the US motivating dance students through similar workshops, they can also be found on permanent faculty at LA's most prestigious dance studios.

"Our distinguished teachers are flourishing on a global scale", adds Abby, "Alison's most recent success is that of assisting choreographer Jamie King on **Madonna's Confessions** world tour and more recently **Pink's I'm Not Dead** world tour, and Adam is Founder, Director and Choreographer of C. Dance Company, completing tours of Italy, China and Korea.

The convention also features the Global Dance Award[™], now into it's third year, which was established to give one young Australian dancer the opportunity to travel and learn from the best teachers and choreographers the industry has to offer. The recipient will receive one return economy airfare to Los Angeles, a two-week class pass to the EDGE Performing Arts Center and spending money (total prize valued at \$5000).

Offering high-energy and motivational dance instruction in Australia from high profile international teachers/choreographers is the responsibility of the Perth based company, who will be conducting similar Workshops and Masterclasses regularly on the dance calendar.

For more information on upcoming events, faculty biographies and award details, visit the GDC website at www.globaldance.com.au. Please contact Abby Crossley via the website for faculty interviews and performances.

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