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Metamorphosis Dance Company of Trinidad and Tobago

May 27, 2024.

Scholarship Winners

2011: Juan Pablo Alba-Dennis

2012: Anais Hinds

2013: Marie Lashley

2014: Mercedes Prevatt

2015: Jada Blanc

2016: Anna Maria de Freitas

2017: Marianna Frederik

2018: Dominique Bones

2019: Keanu Mohammed

2020: Jewel Jonson

2022: Cheyenne Carrington-Green

2023: Isabelle Julien

Ja'toi Marciano: GFD Summer Institute

2024: Sy'mara George 1

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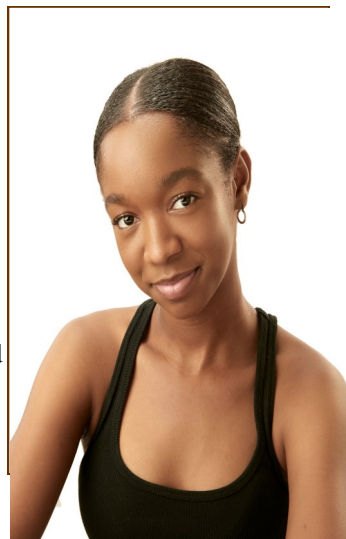
KAK Dance Scholarship Award News

The dancers have been hard at work and it shows in the results that we share with you this year.

KAK Dance Scholarship 2024 winner, Sy'mara George, is the member of the dance company who has earned the KAK award and the opportunity to study with Garth Fagan Dance in New York for three weeks. The scholarship from GFD was donated by the Executive Director of the dance company, Natalie Rogers-Cropper. We are indebted to this alumna of the Caribbean School of Dancing, former dancer with Garth Fagan, and Principal of the Garth Fagan School.

Continuing their legacy as a pre-professional dance company, the graduates of the Caribbean School of Dance and the Metamorphosis Dance Company, have joined the world of professional dancers at some prestigious dance schools and companies.

Mrs. Nancy Herrera, Artistic Director of the Metamorphosis Dance Company, made a statement of affirmation about the dancer: "Sy'mara was chosen for her enthusiasm and joy. Her attitude and spirit are infectious and she contributes positively every time to anything happening in the Company."



Sy'mara George,

2024 KAK Dance Scholarship Winner

and

Garth Fagan Dance Scholarship Awardee

Photo by Mark Lyndersay, 2024.

After receiving the award Sy'mara said, "it was like a dream come true especially because I've only been in the company for about a year and a half. " We look forward to sharing her dance news next year as we have reported on Ja'toi Marciano from her experience in 2023!

News from KAK Awardee

Isabelle Julien: 2023 Dance Scholarship Winner

"My first year as a full-time dancer has been a challenging yet fun and exciting experience, it has really shown me what's in store for my future in this profession and I can't wait to continue learning and performing in the years to come."

Isabelle is also a choreographer-in-training, and was a company member who visited with the Peter London Global Dance Company in Miami from July 29, 2023, before leaving to study at Marymount Manhattan College in New York.

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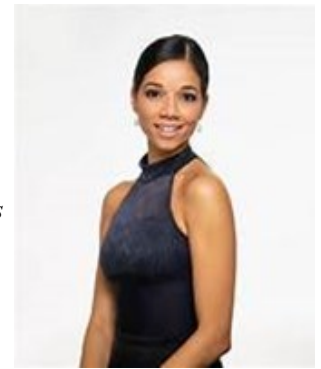
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Message from **Céline Gittens**, Principal dancer at

The Birmingham Royal Ballet, England,

I am delighted to celebrate with you all 30 successful years of Metamorphosis Dance Company. I congratulate all those who dedicate their time to help make this company a positive influence in the Trinidad and Tobago community. Thank you for having me as your Patron and I know that Metamorphosis will continue to excel in showcasing the talents of Trinidad and Tobago's dancers and choreographers.



PLEASE WATCH THE YOUTUBE VIDEO:

[BRB: A Celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Lu6P8zaITo)

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You can put the link into your browser to see the video.

Ja'toi Marcano got an opportunity to study with famed LION KING choreographer Garth Fagan and T & T born Natalie Rogers-Cropper, dancer, choreographer, and director of the Gath Fagan Dance school. In 2023 she said "It's an honour [to be chosen for the scholarship] and it shows how far hard work can get you." A year after her return from the Garth Fagan Dance Movement Institute in Rochester, New York, she responded to a question about how her dance practice has changed since completing the institute: "I feel like being in the program helped with my flexibility as well as aiding me in getting my fouette turns. The turn sequence that was done in the [final] program taught me to spot properly. The program was quite impactful in helping me develop certain skills that I have now."



Ja'toi Marcano

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Take the time to reflect on all good memories and meaningful moments.

Let this be in the inspiration to TAKE CARE of yourself and BE WELL.

Samantha Chase Meyers

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