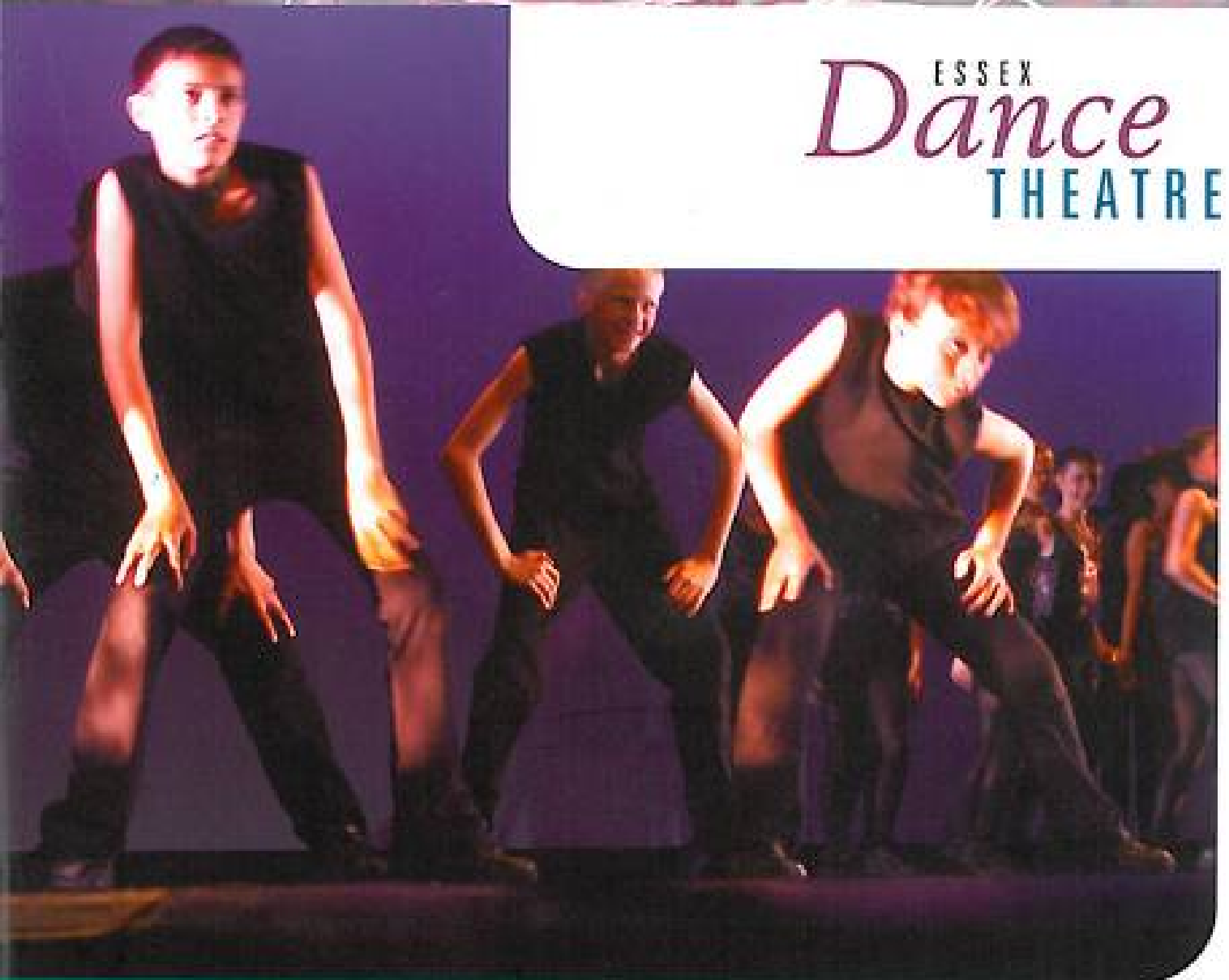




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We provide opportunities for those who might not ordinarily consider attending a traditional dance school. Operating an open door policy, regardless of age or experience, we introduce, develop and sustain an interest in dance as a performing art and a physical form of recreation.

Whether you want to study dance at GCSE or A-Level or pursue your desire to perform on stage with the specialist boys' groups, our qualified staff can help you reach your potential. We also respond to requests from schools and local groups to link with National Curriculum and community projects.

**Essex Dance Theatre** operates from its main base in Great Baddow, Chelmsford. The building provides office accommodation and 3 dance studios with sprung floors and mirrors. This hive of activity services the Essex Dance Theatre centres that provide vocational classes for the community. In turn Essex Dance Theatre staff respond to requests from youth and community groups throughout the county creating partnership projects to provide all types of dance workshops, either on a one off or long term basis touching over 3,000 Essex people in community projects each year.

The Essex Dance Theatre offers Performance Arts careers advice on an individual and at conference level, working as the Performing Arts partner with "Connections" for the Youth Service careers residential weeks. Essex Dance Theatre is an Access organisation for the Duke of Edinburgh Organisation. The LAMDA Drama examinations & the ISTD (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance) examinations run by the Essex Dance Theatre are incorporated onto the National Framework of Qualifications and can therefore be listed with GCSE & A' Level qualifications.



The Essex Dance Theatre National Curriculum Team are called into Primary and Secondary Schools. Essex Dance Theatre can provide a practical, creative element of a festival or as a springboard activity at the beginning of a unit of study or, as an ongoing resource to support the school in developing dance and drama in the curriculum. It provides a means to develop pupils' knowledge, understanding and appreciation of their own work and that of others. Schools seek advice from Essex Dance Theatre in their work establishing and developing GCSE & A Level Dance and Performing Arts courses.

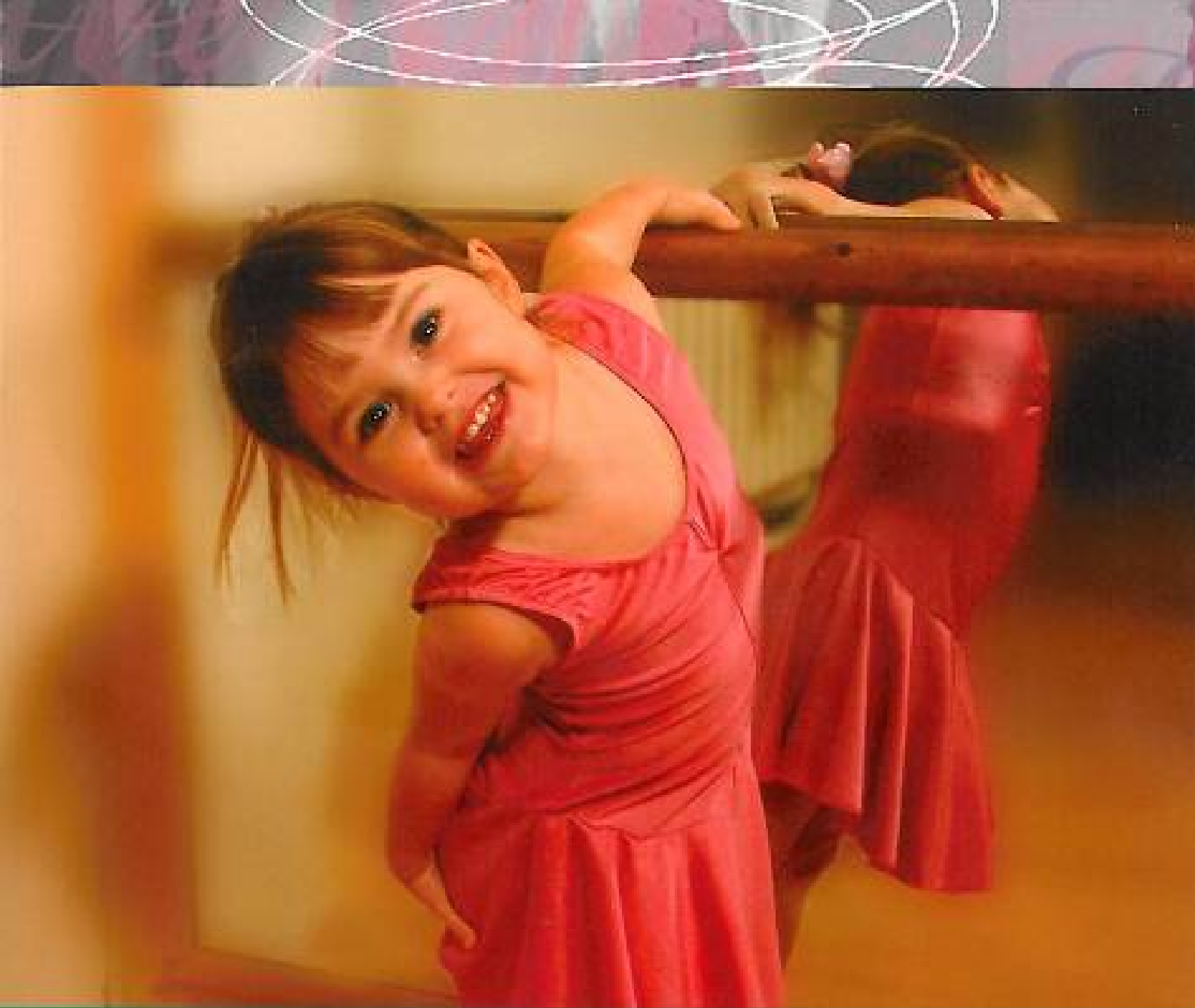
Essex Dance Theatre is the regional representative for the National Dance Teachers Association for Essex, Southend, Thurrock and Herts. Providing an essential network for dance teachers and serving as a vital link between those at grass roots and the policy makers at local and national level. The NDTA meets with representatives from the Arts Council, QCA, DFEE, TTA DCMS and other statutory bodies.



The Essex Dance Theatre Performing Groups, with three levels of commitment create opportunities for 365 Essex youngsters to experience the creative and production process. The Senior Performing Group continues to provide cultural and creative links for International Development. The Boys Performing Group work with the Senior Groups in the summer term.

Essex Dance Theatre operates an open door policy, with special needs youngsters taking part within the timetable of regular classes wherever possible. A senior student teacher is allocated for one-to-one assistance within the class. There is a regular timetable of special needs classes for all age groups. The classes include an introduction to a vocabulary of movement, and encourages the creation of the student's own work. Additional work with rhythm will be introduced along with elements of tap dancing. For those who wish to develop their skills further, performance opportunities will be available.





To find out more about any of the services outlined in this leaflet, please contact

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