

'Dancer In Me' Offers Training in Sacred Arts

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The 7th annual Dancer In Me Sacred Arts and Music Training Institute will open Thursday, March 30, through Saturday, April 1 in Long Beach.

The event, produced by Steve and the Rev. Stephanie Adams, continues its successful history of offering professional training and spiritual enrichment in many forms of worship arts including dance, music, drama, fitness, and scripture.

The conference kicksoff with a welcome celebration on March 30 at 7
p.m., in the Cabrillo High
School auditorium, 2001
Santa Fe Ave., in Long
Beach. On March 31 and
April 1, more than 35

classes will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the campus of CSU-Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Blvd. in Long Beach. Also, a worship service will take place on March 31 at 7 p.m. at Cabrillo H.S.

The event concludes April 1 with the Long Beach Unity Music and Arts Festival in Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st St., in

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Long Beach. Several activities will be featured from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., such as a 3-on-3 basketball tournament with the Long Beach Police and Fire Departments and community players, forums, live bands, vendors, Kids Zone and the Dancer In Me Showcase.

Conference facilitators and participants include Psalmist Jackie Gouche and Friends, the Rev. Dr. Najuma Smith-Pollard, Pastors Tymme and Aury Reitz, the Rev. Dr. Thema Bryant-Davis, the Rev. Dr. Naima Lett, Katisha Adams, Pat Taylor and Jazz Antiqua, Vincent Hardy, Dr. Amanda Standard as well as others from across the nation.

Explaining the benefits of the gathering, the Rev.

Adams said, "Events of this type strongly encourage excellence in training, technique and spirituality along with a solid foundation in the Word. Believers become enlightened, equipped, and more confident to take what they've learned back to their local places of worship and apply it to their ministries.

"Non-believers are exposed and made aware of a powerful way to receive the message of the love of God in a setting which offers no condemnation, rather a creative anointing that may draw them to a relationship with Jesus Christ."

Children ages 6-yearsand-up and adults can register for beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels in all disciplines, added Adams.

In addition, 10 specialty tracks will be avail-

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Rev. Stephanie Adams leads a praise dance at the 2016 Dancer In Me Sacred Arts and Music Institute Training.

able focused on schools of contemporary dance, hip hop, theater and mime, pageantry, prophetic ministry, visual and graphic arts and fitness. To learn more, call Rev. Stephanie Adams at (562) 293-1700 or visit spiritof-praiseinternational.com to register or obtain a schedule of events.