

# DANCE OF HOPE

by M-Lisada & Heartbeat Children

Passionate Rhythms, sensational Sounds, exhilarating and colorful choreography, all swirled in gorgeous and infectious smiles of children from the pearl of Africa!!!! A unique opportunity that exposes all ages to unforgettable performances, workshops and educational exchange programs. This vibrant music and dance spectacular brings Africa's newest cast of performers aged 7 – 17 whose triumphant human turnaround stories have greatly inspired people from all walks of life to achieve greatness through their universal language of LOVE.

## INFORMATION KIT

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## DANCE OF HOPE

*Artistic Director:*

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*Ass. Artistic Director and Choreographer*

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*Tour Manager*

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**M-Lisada and Heartbeat Children**

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### **Running time:**

- One hour and 45 minutes inclusive of a 15-minute intermission
- 45min – 60min performances if shorter sets are preferred

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## Director's Note

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Children are capable of so much if empowered and provided with the platform to advance in the way they should be.

Working with M-Lisada and Heartbeat children, make my dream a reality, creating a platform where children can be creative, develop talents, have hope and build a strong self-esteem in their lives. Dance of Hope helps children connect with other children from different countries, learn from each other, share stories and create a global community that understands and appreciates one another. In this program, the power of music and dance goes beyond stage as it lifts their spirits and their performances leave everlasting memories in the loves of many people.

In order to make a change in the lives of children, there is nothing better than letting them tell their own stories and give them the opportunity to shine. The works featured in Dance of Hope bring children from various difficult backgrounds, ie orphaned, abandoned etc to have hope this performing arts.

Thank you for joining us on this journey and welcome to Africa....



## **Performance description:**

An engaging and captivating performance of African traditional and original songs performed in gorgeous harmonies and accompanied by the sounds of melodic drums and various melodic traditional instrument including Kalimbas, Endongos, Koras, and Adungus among others. A powerful exhilarating presentation of very well choreographed traditional African dances, brought alive by the colorful costumes and sensational rhythms, all engaging the audience into participation.

## **DANCE OF HOPE Tour 2016**



In 2016 Dance of Hope is touring North America. A cast of 14 young performers aged 7 – 17 representing the promise of Africa's future are putting on memorable concerts of African music and Dance, conducting school educational programs, workshops, community exchanges and residences that can last anywhere from one day to a week.

Dance of hope is a touring program of M-Lisada and Heartbeat Children through which more people around the world can get to know about the programs M-Lisada and Heartbeat Children is involved in and at the same time create a platform to generate funds through donations, merchandise and performance fees to be able to facilitate programs that will help support these children get a good education, proper hygiene and medical care.

## EXCHANGE & CONNECT: K-12 School Program



Alongside performances, M-Lisada and Heartbeat Children offer the **“Exchange and Connect”** program where the performers will engage in a series of educational activities with small or large groups in your school, community, church or festival. This can also be a longer residency and activities involved include drumming, singing and dance, for all age groups.

We also do classroom visits and Panel discussions where teachers and students have an opportunity to interact closely with the Children and our leadership team, to learn deeper about Africa and its people, culture, languages, food and lifestyle. This will also provide an opportunity for schools and groups that would like to have a long-term collaboration with M-Lisada and Heartbeat Children through our Visitors program.

As the end of the Residency, your school or group can also have the opportunity to perform in a culminating concert together with M-Lisada and Heartbeat Children. It is magical to see how powerful a short time connection can be and the everlasting experience it will leave in the lives of these children

## Components

Students will have the opportunities to experience the musical instruments, rhythms and melodies of Africa, and also have hands on experience to try several traditional instruments of M-Lisada and Heartbeat Children.

Students will learn to sing M-Lisada and Heartbeat Children's songs and may create original compositions with Heartbeat Children in a workshop. They learn to improvise and may use dance movements to accompany the songs. They may also perform and record these songs any time.

Students will get a full understanding of the cultural features and importance of African music through multimedia presentation and interactions with Mlisada and Heartbeat Children. They will also learn deeper about the lifestyle and wildlife in Africa.

Helped by teachers and the our touring staff, students will interact with M-Lisada and Heartbeat children through discussions about social work and how music is used as a platform for change.



## **Choose any of the following presentations:**

### **A school assembly performance**

- Duration: This can be any where from 45min to 1hr
- It can be a morning, midmorning or afternoon performance
- A minimum of 1 hour will be needed for load in and dress up

### **A school day that involves activities and performance**

- 7:00AM: M-lisada and Heartbeat Children arrive at the school for load in and sound check
- Breakfast provided backstage by the host
- 8:15AM: Load in and sound check
- 9:30AM: 45 – 50 Minute performance
- 30 minute Q & A if requested
- 11:30AM: Class room visits (can be about any of your interests, from Cultural studies, social studies, lifestyle to music)
- 12:30PM: Lunch (Provided by host)

### **Afternoon:**

*Starting at 1:00PM: You may Chose from any of the following*

- More Class room visits (can be about any of your interests, from Cultural studies, social studies, lifestyle to music)
- Singing, Drumming and Dance workshops (groups of 15 – 30 per group)

### **A school-community performance in the evening**

- Duration: This can be any where from 45min to 1hr and 15min
- A minimum of 2 hours will be needed for load in, sound check and dinner
- A meet and greet in the lobby after performance to meet our team, chat, take pictures etc

## Requirements

- Someone from the hosts to guide our touring team
- A Theatre or Auditorium is preferred for performance. Gymnasiums will also work but are not preferred due to technical complications
- Dressing rooms and changing spaces if available
- Food, Snacks and water (please contact us for details)
- On site parking
- A Basic sound System

## Compensation

All donations are Tax deductible and all proceeds directly support our programs that help to provide a better future for children. As we incur a lot of touring costs, we ask for your kind support. Our fees range from \$3000 - \$15000 (*Depending on the nature of performance and activities requested*).

We also have merchandise including T-shirts, CDs, Books, hand bands, paper beads and crafts.

**You can secure funding through Foundations, Local organizations and businesses, families and PTA committees.**

We keep a long-term relationship with the schools and communities we visit, to provide possibilities for future collaborations that also include having a team from your school or community join our visitors program and make a life-changing trip to Africa to share and work with communities there. Please contact us for additional information.

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