## COMPANY

### PROFILE

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### About.

Alkebulan was founded in 2021, by Thabo Naha and Elijah Mbekisa. These creators view dance as a first of art, they believe that dance is foundationally human. Originally founded on a part-time basis, they gave birth to the idea of a dance movement that would encapsulate all ages, genders, backgrounds, personalities, the list is endless. The movement was built to break all barriers in society, especially associated with the sport of dance.

The team followed their passion and formed a private company that would offer different permutations of modern dance styles, such as Contemporary Dance, Hip-Hop, Kofifi/Kwela, Gumboots, Pantsula, Bujwa and Ama-Piano dance, all which can be infused with Afro-fusion dance style. In addition to the above genres, the club also offers Salsa, Argentinean Tango and Bacha dance styles.

#### What we stand for.





#### THE ALKEBULAN DANCE MOVEMENT VISION

A leading performance art platform and safe space for expression and healing.

Our vision is clear and attainable. As a dance studio with a broad vision to becoming a movement in Africa and abroad, we aim to create a safe space for expression. With our journey of becoming a leading performance art platform we pursue internal healing through dance as the core of our movement.



#### **OUR MISSION**

- To provide an affordable access to dance facilities.
- To strive to make dance fun, while strengthening physical muscles.
- Using dance to educate the public on social issues.
- Elevate the dance sport.

We believe in the phrase: "Your vision, make it your mission". The Alkebulan Dance Movement business is centered around implementing ideas that make an impact to the community. We are clear about our mission and believe that we will be on our way to achieving our bigger vision.



"A person without self-expression is a person without personal freedom."

Robin S. Sharma



Learning, thought, creativity, and intelligence don't just come from the brain alone, but from the entire body.

Dance is an essential component of education









"Men has always danced" is Alkebulan's battle cry. The company views dance not just as a pan cultural phenomenon, but one that is foundationally human. We believe that everyone can dance including the physically challenged. "Tomorrow People" is a physically integrated dance movement programme which recognizes and celebrates the first-person experience of disability, not as a medical model construct but as a social phenomenon, through artistic and creative means. Tomorrow People will serve children of all abilities, including dancers who are Deaf and hard-of-hearing; dancers who are blind or have low vision; and dancers with a range of intellectual, emotional, and physical disabilities.





# Dance, our Business



Conventional gym, training methods, and sports have provent to be challenging in the 'new norma'l.

Alkebulan services individuals needing a safe platform to express themselves whilst putting in motion a disciplined wellness activity that is not strenuous but fun.

#### We offer:

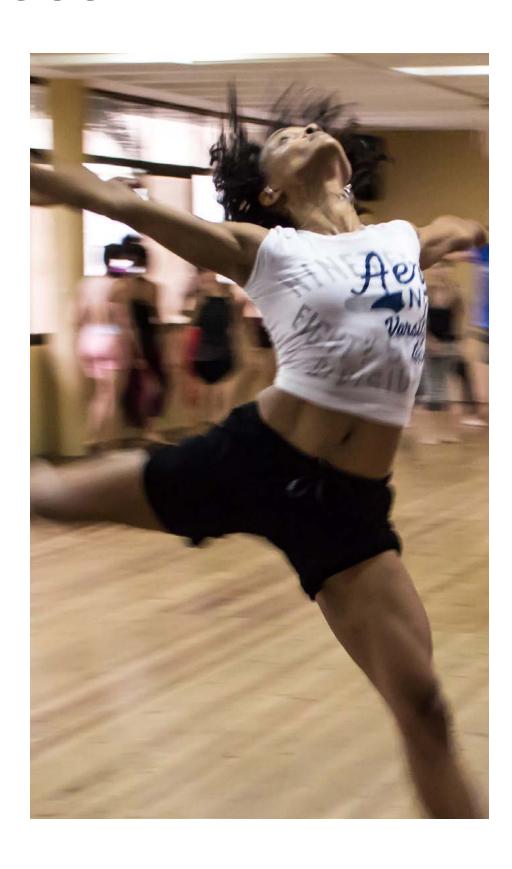
Dance workshops

Team Building

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Street Dance

Partner Dance





# Dance to the beat of your Dreams

#### **GOALS & RISKS**

Transparency is at the core of our business and that is why we share our goals and risks with all our cilents and investors.

#### **Short-Term Goals:**

- Approach gyms to offer their facilities for dance practices.
- The aim is to assist in attracting a different market to the gyms
- To offer Teambuilding activities
- Run Dance workshops

#### **Short-Term Goals:**

- Own an independent dance movement facility
- Assist upcoming dancers to start their own movements, offering funding for their start ups
- Offer alternative space for creatives.

#### Risks:

- Donations being insufficient to raise the capital required to operate the business
- Lack of buy-in from customers due to e.g. Covid cases rising, client affordability for gym subscriptions, etc.

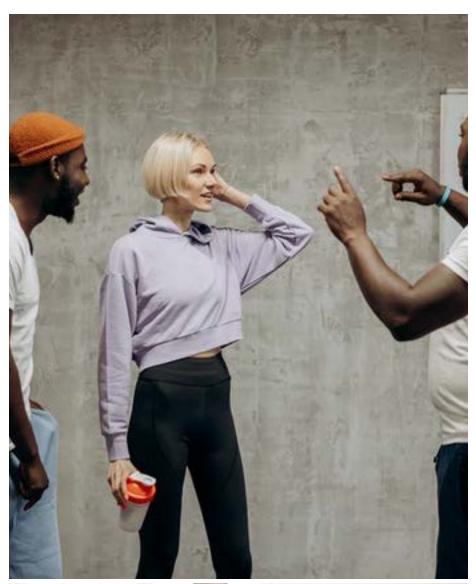
## Dance Workshops





We offer Team Building dance programs to promote high performing teams. We have team building dance moves specifically designed for virtual teams, hybrid teams and activities that take place in the same space, but observe physical distancing.

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself" - Henry Ford







# Team Building



### Signature Dance style Afro Fusion Dance

An Alkebulan signature dance style. We run bootcamps for fitness and endurance. Our dance programmes coach trainees about the human body and the correct way of muscle grounding.

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Afro-fusion is a mix of African dances. This dance combines influences from Caribbean, African America, and African cultures. Afro-fusion has amazing benefits that reduce stress, all the while creating a great workout. This type of contemporary social improvised dance that combines different dance styles with African dance moves to create a new aesthetic.

"Alkebulan is moving towards an African majority which is diverse both in its cultural habits and in its relationship to colonial and postcolonial governance, so the shift away from Caribbean dominance needs to be placed in that setting".

# Afro-fusion Dance













Street dance is an umbrella term for a large number of social dance styles such as: breakdancing, popping, locking. At Alkebulan we view it as social dance. These styles of dance have many accompanying steps and foundations, created organically from a culture, a moment in time, a way of life, influenced by natural social interaction.



We offer Salsa,
Argentinean Tango and
Bacha dance styles. We
also offer group dance
training for weddings
and other special
events.

A good dance leader brins the partners dance levels to a superior level

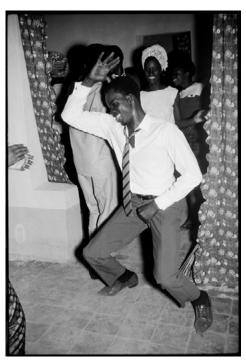






# Partner Dance

## TOMORROW PEOPLE PROGRAM











The programme seeks to develop unemployed dancers in the field of training the physically challenged. We have identified a huge number of professional dancers who are sitting at home, lack motivation because of unavailable employment opportunities in the sector.

Alkebulan decided to embark on a campaign to upskill these individuals to solve first order socio-economic challenges. In line with the NAC's vision to promote, through the arts, the free expression of South Africa's cultures, Alkebulan will assist unemployed dancers skills to teach people who move differently the techniques of classical dance. The aim is to instil knowledge of traditional dance methods in people whose bodies don't operate the way an average dancer's does. In turn, SA will experience a different cultural expression of the marginalised disabled individuals who always wanted to perform. The trained professional dancers will have more opportunities of employment in future as this sector grows.

## Planned Timeline



Date	Event	Activities	Venue	Time	Day
Jan 2023	Phase 1: Train the Trainer Workshop	Orientation Dance conversations Ensuring a Safe Movement Space Dance elements and manners. Warm-up. Cool-down. Choreography and music. Activity. Facilitator verbal assessment Teaching workshop. Intro to different types of physical challenges. Choreographing for the disabled. Dance elements continued, Energy, Relationship. Formative Assessments. Scout for talent in two different schools for the disabled around Soweto	ТВС	08:00 - 16:00	7 Days
Feb 2023	Phase 2: Practical Training	Assign trained dancers to the schools for practical training. Auditioning the disabled candidates. Orientation and introduction to dance principles. Warm-up. Cool-down. Choreography and music. Activity. Dance conversation, elements, and manners. Activity. Body Part Isolation. Weight Transfer. Jumps, Turns and Spotting Facilitator Verbal Assessment Dance training and coaching. Observational assessment of the trainers.	ТВС	14:00 - 16:00	Mondays, Wednesday
March 2023	Phase 3: Performance	Warm-up. Cool-down. Non-locomotor movements. Activity. Trainers create choreography with the trainees. Conceptualization the title, routines, and music for the performance. Creative extensions. Polishing your dance piece. Run rehearsals. Design, measure, and create costume Running rehearsal with costumes. Finalizing the venue. Move to the venue Final run in the venue Final Show Awards	Soweto Theatre	14:00 - 16:00	Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays



fro-Fusion Intergration

All of the above activities are integrated with an Afro-Fusion Dance style, which holds a few benefits: All of the above activities are integrated with an Afro-Fusion Dance style, which holds a few benefits:

- o Breathing technique
- o Develop strong back muscle
- o Physical Fitness
- o Psychological Wellness
- o Core Muscle Training

The dance

movement also

aims to empower

the youth by

offering a hobby

that is enjoyable

through music.



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