

# DANCEFEST 2004

**YEAR:** 2004 May 13-16

*Pas de Chats - Step of the Cats*

**HOST SCHOOL:**

Widdifield Secondary School  
320 Ski Club Road  
North Bay, Ontario P1B 7R2



**CONTACT:** Jocelyn Bell  
Ivy Schuster, Grade 12 student/Co-coordinator Dancefest 2004

**ATTENDING SCHOOLS/DANCE TEACHERS:**

Bear Creek S.S., Barrie	Laura Bruno, Heather Robert
Bluevale Collegiate Inst., Waterloo	Laurel Brown
Burlington Central, Burlington	
Chatham Kent S.S., Chatham	Melanie Randall
Eastwood Collegiate Inst., Kitchener	Janis Price
Forest Heights Col. Inst., Kitchener	Tabatha DeBruyn
Philip Pocock S.S., Mississauga	Dawn Ditchburn
St. Thomas of Villanova C.S.S., La Salle	Melissa Lolarga, Cathy Harris
Ursuline College "The Pines", Chatham	Tara Duffy, Melissa Reissner
Widdifield S.S., North Bay	Jocelyn Bell

**#PARTICIPANTS:** 200+-

**ADJUDICATORS:**

**WORKSHOP LEADERS:**

Denise Cote	Tap
Poula	Jazz
Kay Tabisaura	Ballet and Repertoire
Michelle Jopling	Musical Theatre and Hip Hop
Amber McClay	Hip Hop (2) and Musical Theatre
Jade Vaillancourt	Hip Hop

**Competition LEVELS:**

**Age** 14 & under  
16 & under  
18 & under

**Group SIZE:**

**Solo Class      Duet/Trio Class      Group/Line**

**Dance STYLES:**

Ballet-Demi Pointe	Jazz/Hip Hop	Tap	Modern
Lyrical	Folk/Ethnic	Musical Theatre	

## **OVERALL AWARDS:**

### **Choreographers Award**

**Outstanding Student Choreographer  
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### **Group Dances**

**Outstanding Group  
DANCEFEST 2004**

- **Debutant** Runner up  
Top Mark
- **Dynamic** Runner up  
Top Mark
- **Extreme** Runner up  
Top Mark

### **Outstanding Dancer**

**DANCEFEST 2004**  
Overall Best Performer  
Junior 15 and under  
Senior 16 and over

### **Overall School**

**Outstanding Ensemble Award  
DANCEFEST 2004**

## **Words of Wisdom from our DANCEFEST Participants**

*"Having the DANCEFEST competition and showcase has taught me to have more confidence in my dance."*

*"Having a friendly competition gives you something to strive for at practices."*

*"During DANCEFEST 2003 and 2004 I met MANY new, friendly and creative people!"*

*"It gave me ideas for dances and different moves to try for my choreography."*

*"DANCEFEST showed me what kind of dance options there are out there for me."*

*"I learned skill-builders at workshops; and learned how to be a better dancer inside and out."*  
▪ *Meghan Chapin Grade 12 student Widdifield Secondary School*

*"At DANCEFEST 04 all the schools really had a chance to connect and intertwine. We all became close and walked away with some valuable friendships."*

*"The competition gave us all something to push ourselves towards both mentally and physically. It's something unique that gave the dancers the credit and recognition that we all deserve after such hard work."*

*"Having different adjudicators and workshop leaders gave us all a chance to have new outlooks on our various dance pieces. During the competition we got to read all the thoughts of the adjudicators which was very beneficial to me." - Kaitlin Merritt, Grade 12 student Widdifield S.S.*

*“DANCEFEST was a great experience for all of the students involved in our dance department here at Widdifield. We were able to be independent leaders for the guests and that taught us a lot about organization and responsibility. Also, many students learned to be more confident in themselves through. Meeting and collaborating with other new dancers. A lot of friends, with similar interests, were made a DANCEFEST. The workshops were great because we are used to having many of the same dance teachers, but every day we had different workshop leaders and we were able to learn so many different dance styles. During the workshops there was a lot of teamwork and time to interact with other people. The HIP HOP presentation probably demonstrated this the best, with members of all the dance troupes represented in this culminating presentation that was presented at the Showcase. For many students, this was their first time in a competition, so it was very exciting and gave students more experience for the future when they may be auditioning for that special spot in a dance program at University or something. The competition also gave us experience to deal with some of the pressures of competition. I think this is a valuable skill to learn.*

*Overall, it was really fun and it was great to meet all of the dancers from other schools around Ontario. Seeing what the other schools can do was really interesting and taught me a lot because everyone is different in their own way.” – Genevieve Lafontaine, Grade 11 student, Widdifield S.S.*

