



Dear All,

I write this in a spirit of great enthusiasm and energy after the bad news about funding prompted some Trojan work by everyone over the summer to reduce the company's overheads by moving to a smaller office (still in Oxford House). We have taken a decision in the immediate future to concentrate on our growing portfolio with older people, but with a new youth group, Green Candle Youth Dance (for young people aged 11-14) as our main link to the younger people: we aim to launch this group early November. There have been some important staff changes: Suzanne Firth replaces Rosemary Evans as Company Administrator. Sadly, Rachel Elliot has left us after a wonderful 13 years as Education Officer, Education Director and latterly Associate Director- she goes on to the English Folk Dance and Song Society as Education Director. Kezia Scrine joins us on a seven month placement from Surrey University and will act as Education and Marketing Assistant. Sonia Illescas stays in her important post of Community Dance Artist for Older People and our two vital freelancers, Annie Pooley (Development Manager) and Louisa Charles (Finance Officer) remain with the team.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Early". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Fergus Early

Artistic Director Green Candle Dance Company

## Productions

### Falling About



Our most recent production 'Falling About' has been touring since October 2007 and has been performed in a huge range of venues. Addressing the often difficult issues around all sorts of falls, both physical and emotional, the show remains upbeat and humorous and was a resounding success. The performances were followed by workshops, exploring some of the movement themes and songs from 'Falling About.' The company plans to tour the production nationally in the Spring and Summer of 2009. This tour links directly into Green Candle's work within the community, where we are constantly promoting and encouraging people to keep moving, whatever their age!

*"The somersault with the zimmer! I shall never forget it!"*

*"Original and of very high quality"*

*"...One of the best things they had ever had..."*



## Dancing in the Community



Green Candle looks forward to continuing our relationship with the Sundial Centre and Mile End Hospital with a new term of workshops. Full of gentle dance exercises and lots of fun and laughter, these will continue to contribute to the physical rehabilitation and psychological well being of the older participants at both centers.

This year Green Candle is expanding the work within the community with a new programme of dance for older people in Hospitals ***Moving Into Health***; hoping to take our workshops to a wider range of primary care trusts, so they yet more people can experience the huge benefits dancing can bring.

## Young and Dancing

### Calling all young dancers!

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This term sees the beginning of a new after school project, Green Candle Youth Dance Company for 11-14 year olds; this project will run weekly, starting in November, with the opportunity to dance at performances and festivals across London.

**Every Tuesday from 4 to 5.30pm**

**All abilities welcomed! No auditions! Free of charge!**

**For more information call: 020 7739 7722, or email: [communications@greencandle.com](mailto:communications@greencandle.com)**

# Older and Dancing

## Green Candle Senior Dancers



Over the last year, senior dancers have been a busy group with 8 performances to over 1300 people, performing at The Big Opportunity at Canary Warf (London's launch of community involvement in the 2012 Olympics). This dance was so well received they were asked to perform at the Tower Hamlets Celebration of International Older People's Day. The Senior Dancers also went on to perform their lat piece (*Yellow Bird*) at the Big Chair Dance in the Royal Festival Hall.

After all the performing, the Senior Dancers left the summer term on a high. This term, the Senior Dancers have already performed at 'Through the Arch of the Imagination' celebrating the opening of the Cultural Olympiad in Tower Hamlets.

**Every Tuesday from 10.30-12.30**

**All abilities welcomed! No auditions! Free of charge!**

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