# CIS Dance Fest 2017-18 Workshop Descriptions

# HIP-HOP

**Hip-hop** dance refers to street dance styles evolved as part of hip-hop culture. It includes a wide range of styles such as Breaking, House, Krump, Popping, and Locking.

**Hip-hop Guest Teacher Shavar "Caution" Blackwood** was featured as Top 14 spot on Season 3 of "So You Think You Can Dance Canada" and was a featured dancer in the lifetime movie "Aaliyah The Princess of R&B". He danced in the Family Channel show "Naturally Sadie" and performed with artists such as Cascada, Mcfly, George Nozuka, Divine Brown, and Jacksoul.

### CONTEMPORARY

**Contemporary** dance is a style of expressive dance that combines elements of several dance genres including modern, jazz, lyrical and classical ballet.

Contemporary Guest Teacher Bailey Woodman is an accomplished professional dancer from Toronto. She has performed as an original cast member of Cirque Du Soleil's creation, Tout Ecartille as well as a backup dancer on the European tour for the opening act and protege of Celine Dion, Veronic Dicaire (Bally's Las Vegas, X Factor France Judge). You can also see Bailey as a feature dancer in Canada's version of hit American TV Shows, Lip Sync Battle and The Voice.

# Musical Theatre

**Musical Theatre** is the combination of singing, acting, and dancing. Performers in this genre are commonly referred to as 'triple threats'.

**Musical Theatre Guest Teacher Judy Kovac's** Theatrical credits include: 'Joanie' in Happy Days (Stage West), 'Erma' in Anything Goes, 'Kost' in Cabaret (Theatre Sheridan) The Nutcracker, The Contract, Pastoral (The National Ballet of Canada) while in their school's Professional Ballet Program, Sharpay's Fabulous Adventure, Camp Rock (Disney).

### **S**WING

**Swing** dancing originated from Harlem, New York with Afro-American Roots. The feeling of the dance is "swinging", as it developed to the swing style of jazz music from the 1920s - 50s.

Some of **Swing Guest Teacher Jennifer Mote's** professional credits include:

Dancing for artists such as New Kids on the Block, Akon, Kardinal, Katy Perry, Dragonette, Suzie McNeil, Kreesha Turner, Shawn Desman and C+C Music Factory.

# Afro-Fusion

**Afro-Fusion** is a blend of dance genres of the African descent, mixed with other dance influences such as hip hop, contemporary, Caribbean, or latin.

**Shakeil Rollock** dances with Dance Addictions and he is honoured to have worked with choreographers such as Draico (Step Up Franchise), Linean Doung, Denone Isaacs, Darryl Tracy, Julia Sasso, and Rosemary James.