



The show title for Ausdance ACT's Youth Dance Festival 2018 is:

# MAKE YOUR MARK

*“Over the past few years, as the festival itself has grown and evolved, so too have the themes for inspiration. In 2016 and 2017 the aim of the themes, “Be Loud. Be Heard.” and “Right Here. Right Now” were to encourage you to think about the world you lived in, to discover and share stories of things that are relevant to you, to be brave, be bold and stand up for what you believe in.*

*This year, the show title is “Make Your Mark”. For me, this is about legacy. It is about the people, places, things and events that have shaped our world and will shape our world in the future. I am not shying away from the fact that the theme for the 2018 Invictus Games is #makeyourmarkdownunder (perhaps this might be a great discussion point – the Invictus Games!). I encourage you to think locally, nationally, globally, about people who have inspired you, people who have left their mark on the world, events that have shaped the world and events that will continue to shape the world. Think about areas that are scientific, environment, pop culture, humanity, sport, the list goes on! Perhaps ask yourself, how would I leave my mark on the world? And you know what, go and do it!*

*Stand out from the crowd and I dare you to Make Your Mark on Dance Fest 2018!”*

Jamie Winbank

Creative Director & Choreographic Mentor 2018

*“You will notice me, I'll be leaving my mark like initials carved in an old oak tree. Just wait and see. Maybe I'll write like Twain wrote, maybe I'll paint like Van Gogh, cure the common cold, I don't know! But I'm ready to start 'cause I know in my heart... I wanna do something that matters, says something different, something that sets the whole world on its ear. I wanna do something better, with the time I was given”*

Kristin Chenoweth

*I want to leave my footprints on the sand of time, know there was something that I left behind. When I leave this world, I'll leave no regrets, leave something to remember, so they won't forget.*

*I was here. I was here, I lived, I loved. I was here, I did, I've done, everything that I wanted and it was more than I thought it would be, I wanna leave my mark so everyone will know”*

Beyonce

*“I alone cannot change the world. But I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”*

Mother Theresa

## TIPS TO GET STARTED:

- Google search: “Make Your Mark”, “legacy”, “people/events/things who/that have changed the world”, “movies/songs/artists/characters who have changed the world”... do this on iTunes, YouTube, Google Images, Google Videos etc
- Have a class discussion about:
  - o “What does the future look like? For me, -my community, the world etc”
  - o “Who inspires you? Why? What have they done to leave their mark on the world. If you could do anything at all, what would it be? What do you love most in life? Helping? Solving problems? Being around lots of people? Who do you look up to or admire? Why?”
  - o The Invictus Games, local heroes, news stories, celebrities, artists that have made their mark on their world. Research everyday heroes through to internationally recognised people.
- Check out some cool choreography videos such as:
  - o [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSizlwB2c98&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSizlwB2c98&feature=youtu.be) (Keone & Mari “We Are” – from 2:55 mins)
  - o [www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2RszuyACbM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2RszuyACbM) (Misty Copeland “What Burns In Your Heart”)
  - o [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESDkAlpTMQg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ESDkAlpTMQg) (DV8 Theatre “We Can Talk About This?”)
  - o [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLv9QLRMsUY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLv9QLRMsUY) (Force Majeure “The Age I’m In”)
  - o \*\*We recommend teachers view the YouTube videos first to check if they are suitable for your class.\*\*