

Dancing Wheels Company & School

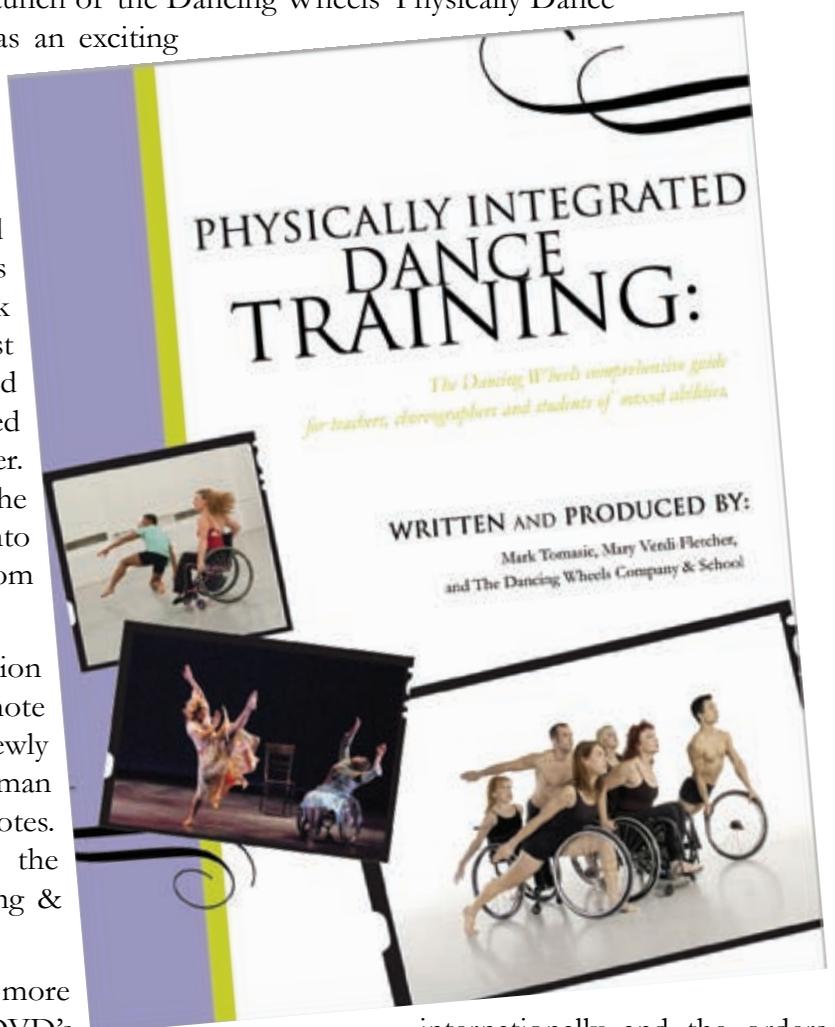
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MANUAL LAUNCH EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS

Friday, October 26, 2012 marked the official launch of the Dancing Wheels' Physically Dance Integrated Training manual and DVD. It was an exciting event that coincided with the City of Cleveland's annual celebration of Disability Awareness Month. The Rotunda at Cleveland City Hall was filled to capacity as City Officials, leaders in the fields of arts and disabilities and over two hundred individuals with disabilities proudly cheered as author and producer Mark Tomasic, Mary Verdi-Fletcher and our very first student in the Dancing Wheels School and current Company member, Jen Sikora unveiled the enlarged replica of the manual cover. Equally exciting was the crowd response as the Dancing Wheels Company burst into performance mode with several excerpts from their dynamic repertory.

Joining the Company in this amazing celebration of awareness was Mayor Frank Jackson, keynote speaker, Tykiah Wright author of the newly published DiversAbility Magazine, Councilman Kevin Conwell and Footprints, The Braille Notes. The entire event was developed through the Cleveland Department of Aging and its Aging & Disability Resource Center.

Prior to the launch, Dancing Wheels presold more than a dozen of the manual's and DVD's keep rolling in! Obviously there are so many to thank for this project, but truly it would have not come to fruition without the fortitude and dedication of its author, Mark Tomasic and the support of our funders: Career Transitions for Dancers, The Cleveland Foundation, Cuyahoga County Arts & Culture, Dance Masters of America, The Kulas Foundation, John P. Murphy Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Ohio Arts Council. We are so very grateful to all who had their hand in the editing and creative process – it takes an army to move mountains. The manual and DVD can be purchase through our website at <http://dancingwheels.org/buy.asp> or by phone (216) 432-0306.



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