

Wakakirri Donation Program will help schools join 2018 Challenge

The 2017 Wakakirri Story Dance Challenge performance season is in full swing. Around the nation, students are telling stories by twirling, jazz dancing and leaping across theatre stages, eagerly performing and having the time of their lives.

Participation in the arts is essential if children are to develop confidence in expressing themselves. Through participation children experience the freedom, intense satisfaction and sense of achievement that comes from knowing that one can create something significant.

Many schools that wanted to be in Wakakirri this year could not afford to take part and 35 schools approached Wakakirri to ask for financial assistance. But, as a not-for-profit and a registered charity, the Wakakirri Association runs on a shoe string budget and cannot always offer much in the way of funds to individual schools.

In preparation for the 2018 season, the *Wakakirri Donation Program* has been announced to ensure that as many students as possible can access Wakakirri. The program will raise funds for students from disadvantaged communities to assist schools and students to cover the costs of registration fees, travel from rural communities and the Artist in Residence Program (AIR).

By bridging money gap, Wakakirri is planning



provide students from multiple backgrounds the opportunity to perform on some of the nation's best stages and experience this essential and

positive performing and creative arts opportunity. Learn more about AIR and the donation program at www.wakakirri.com



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