

Buglisi Dance Theatre Arts in Education

– *Opening the door to creative exploration through dance* –
www.buglisidance.org

Buglisi Dance Theatre believes in the physical language of dance as an interactive means to heighten awareness and communicate the enduring spirit of humanity through creativity.



A centerpiece of Buglisi Dance Theatre's repertory, *RAIN*, "a visually stunning homage to rainforests" (Jennifer Dunning, The NY Times 2004) has been transformed into an exciting K-12 Arts in Education residency program where Dance, Music, Language Arts and Science combine together to creatively engage students in expressing the primitive rhythms, colors, breath and nature found in the rainforest.

Through Dance Making, Developing Dance Literacy and Making Connections strands of the NYC Department of Education's "Blueprint for Teaching and Learning in the Arts," rainforest facts students will investigate through RAIN dance residency exploration:

- The largest rainforest in the world, the Amazon Rainforest, is as big as the 48 contiguous states
- The combination of sunlight, tropical climate and rain make the rainforest the most populated ecological system in the world
- Rainforests have four layers: Emergent, Canopy, Understory and Forest Floor
- The diverse variety of plants found in the rainforest provide medicine, food, spices and other materials people all over the world use on a daily basis

Facilitated by a Buglisi Dance Theatre Teaching Artist, students will experience movement and music activities designed to address rainforest preservation and environmental issues. The *RAIN* arts in education residency will transform your classroom into a beautiful rainforest where students will create choreography for a final student residency performance.

The *RAIN* Arts in Education residency includes:

- A residency planning meeting
- Multiple class sessions with a Buglisi Dance Theatre Teaching Artist
- A lecture demonstration presented by the Buglisi Dance Theatre Company
- An informal culminating student performance

For residency booking or further information, please contact Buglisi Dance Theatre

Telephone: 212-719-3301

Email: buglisi@buglisidance.org

Buglisi Dance Theatre is an approved vendor with the NYC Department of Education