

DECEMBER 2015

# Merry Christmas

From Edmond and Birmingham!

2016, here I come!

This semester was busy, but the spring semester will be even crazier! We have tour, auditions, workshops, India, weekend tours, Project Dance, and so much more! We won't be in the same place for very long, traveling almost every two weeks!



## A little update on life (and India!)

A lot has happened this fall semester! Concerts, workshops, and field trips, OH MY! We had our first full concert in November, and that was a huge success. We premiered several new pieces, while also bringing back some familiar ones, too. We were hardcore preparing for India, and watched as God showed up and provided. And now we have tour to prepare for! Yay!

### Important Upcoming Dates!

#### U.S. Tour!

**Jan. 13-27**  
Charlotte,  
Atlanta, and  
Birmingham,  
we're coming!

#### Audition day!

**Feb. 6**  
Workshop &  
audition day for  
summer teams  
and next year!

#### Trip to India!

**Feb.14–Mar. 3**  
We get to go  
almost three  
weeks instead of  
two!! Praise God!



❄️ FIRST SNOW OF THE YEAR!!!! ❄️



## Update on India

As many of you know, we were scheduled to be in India from Dec. 7-21. Two days before we were supposed to fly out, our directors called the team into a meeting and said they really felt that the Lord was saying “not yet” and that we were supposed to wait. There had been historic flooding, and people were being sent out of Chennai, one of the cities we were going to. After getting confirmation from our India connections, our directors made the decision to postpone our trip until Feb. 14 – Mar. 3. This actually means we get to stay a bit longer than originally planned, and I think even visit an extra city or two.

The team as a whole felt peace about this decision, and many had been feeling the same, that it wasn't the right timing; but we were all still willing to go.

The good news about not going until February is that this now allows us to tackle our U.S. tour first, providing an opportunity to travel together as a company before going international. This is a huge thing, considering there are six of us new company members who haven't had the chance to travel with the team yet.

This also gives us a little more time to fundraise. As a team, we need a little less than \$4,000 collectively. **THIS IS A MIRACLE**, considering we needed so much more, just a few weeks ago. This is very doable, and we are all praying and walking in faith that God will easily take care of this.

We are all so excited about India that we can hardly stand ourselves! Bring it on!





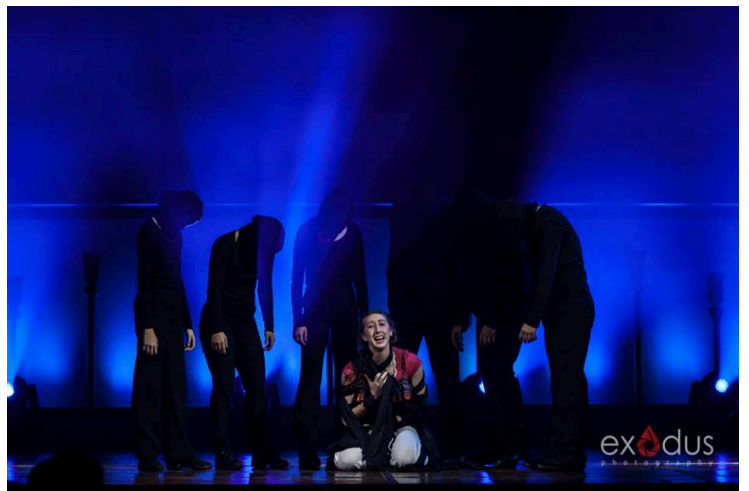
## THE LOREM IPSUMS

This is from a piece called "Rise" and is one of my favorite pieces to perform. It's physically demanding, but it's so worth it because there is so much joy that comes from it.



We were so blessed to be able to dance with the junior company at our concert! They are amazing girls (and guy) and such talented dancers. This is their swing piece, "Do You Know" and it is always such a fun one to watch.

This is our redemptive piece, "Entangled" and is definitely one of my favorite pieces to watch (I'm an understudy for this one). It's about a girl who gets entangled in the wrong things of this world and ends up crying out to God for help. Chills, every time.



This is "Light Shine Bright" and is so much fun to perform. It's happy and silly. Not only that, but it was choreographed by all of us. Our director allowed us to have a lot of input and it is great to see all of our different styles come together in one piece!

## \*Prayer requests\*

Right now, my biggest prayer request is for finances. I knew it would be a stretch in the spring due to our two weeks of tour, but now that our India trip had been added and is almost three weeks long, that's another three weeks I won't be able to work.

Our spring schedule after Christmas is literally: OKC for a week and a half, tour for two weeks, OKC for two weeks, India for three weeks, OKC for one week, spring break for one week. I know that God will provide, but I still need your prayers and support- mostly for the sake of my sanity. :)

I also still need about \$500 for my trip to India, which is totally doable! I'm so amazed at how far the Lord has brought me, and how much He's provided thus far. It's incredible. The amount of support is overwhelming, and I'm so very grateful.

Another prayer request is for healing- many of the team members left for Christmas break with hurt ankles, backs, shoulders, ribs, and everything else basically, so please pray that this break will do amazing wonders. The last few months, we have been dancing almost nonstop, and we are tired. We hit the ground running when we get back, so we need complete refreshment. My ankle has been one of the injuries, so please pray for complete cooperation and healing.

Lastly, tour! Please continue to join me in praying that all the tour details will be finalized, and that the right people will be in the right places at the right time for us to minister to. We want to be as effective as possible!

Prayer requests:

- ❖ Finances- Needed monthly costs (\$700 for rent/tuition) & India (\$500)
- ❖ Healing for the team members
- ❖ Tour details to be finalized





# THANK YOU.

I just wanted to say thank you to all that are reading this. Firstly, you made it through this long newsletter. That takes stamina. Secondly, if not for the love, prayers, and support, I wouldn't be able to continue to live my dream. To live out my passion every day, while being able to impact the Kingdom of God, that is a feeling like no other. I hope that you all get to experience that feeling. May God bless you and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



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