



To whom it may concern Re:Austin Tshikosi

We are so proud to announce that Austin has been awarded a full bursary to attend the Luitingh Alexander Musical Theater Academy for the three year term 2021-2023 (letter of acceptance attached). Austin's talent has been recognized by the Academy and a private bursar has afforded Austin this incredible opportunity. The bursary (valued R330 000.00) does not include daily living costs.

Austin Tshikosi (19) is currently writing matric at Hyde Park High School, Johannesburg. As a student he always took part in sport as well as annual musical productions. Austin's dance career started at the age of 8: He danced in many festivals, shows, Winter Ballet School at Joburg Ballet as well as 2019 New York Summer School at Purchase College (New York). His talent has not gone unnoticed; in Ballet, Spanish, Modern dance and Hip Hop Austin has developed and excelled throughout the years. In recent years also adding Vocal training, Piano and music theory classes to his repertoire. In New York Austin had an incredible and life changing experience. The inspiration of international coaches from Belgium National Ballet, Paris Opera Ballet and Broadway Dance Centre has confirmed in Austin his desire to further his studies and obtain a degree in Musical Theater .

For Austin to be able to move to Cape Town and be part of the LAMTA 2021 faculty for the ensuing 3 years he will need support from our community and dance Family as it is unfortunately impossible for Austin and his family to raise the required funds by themselves. We are now appealing to art lovers, South African promoters, philanthropists and fans of Austin to support and help fund his big move to Cape Town/ Camps Bay.

Austin's passion and dedication is contagious and has made it an absolute pleasure to be involved in tutoring him. It came as no surprise that the LAMTA faculty gave Austin this incredible bursary and wanted to include him in their talented and professional institution. We are very proud of Austin and believe that he could make a career in the entertainment industry, through the incredible opportunity of attending LAMTA in order to develop his future in the performing arts. We ask that you would share in this opportunity of giving this talented South African dancer/singer a chance to excel in his studies at LAMTA

LISTED BELOW ARE COSTS OF ACHIEVING AUSTIN'S DREAM TO ATTEND LAMTA:

- Travel costs(JHB-CT- JHB) by bus/ aeroplane - **R1000 to R2000 (per trip)**
- Accommodation per month - **R5800 per month (R60 000 annually)**
- MyCiti bus to LAMTA campus - **R35 per day (approximately R1050 per month)**
- Food and Groceries - **R100 a day (R3000 per month)**
- Toiletries and Cleaning Materials - **R200 (per month)**
- Annual Dance Gear - **R5000**

We are kindly asking for any contribution to this young man's future; may it be a once off larger sum or a small amount on a monthly debit order. Any contribution will change this young man's life and be much appreciated.

We have set up an account which will be supervised by Maureen Burger, his guardian, to allocate the fees appropriately to his expenses.

Account details

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We will provide any further information which you might need about Austin's situation at your request. We thank you in advance and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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