



# *danceability, Inc.*

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## ***The Program***

*danceability, Inc.* is a nonprofit program which provides dance and movement instruction for children and adults with special needs. Their family-focused approach seeks to improve the quality of life for those challenged with special needs. Classes focus on an individual's abilities, motivations, love for music and movement while also expanding their potential within a group or individual setting. The program promotes physical, social and emotional wellness in an environment that embraces acceptance and tolerance for all. *Danceability* instructors have masters degrees in the following fields: special education, dance therapy, social work, occupational therapy and public health. Students are challenged by them each and every class to reach beyond what they think they can do. *Danceability* prides itself on the fact that every dancer who requires assistance is paired with a volunteer that aids, encourages and has fun right along side them. In addition to weekly classes, every student who wants to do so, is able to take part in the end of the year performance. It is a great event that everyone should see, but the true sight to behold is the hard work, perseverance, friendships and happiness that occurs each and every week in class.



## ***Danceability, Inc.'s Fourth Annual Performances***

On May 7, 2011, Cleveland Hill High School once again hosted *danceability's* 4th Annual Performances. For the first time in its four years, *danceability* put on two shows for audiences of over 500 people. Each dancer was given the chance to perform a specially choreographed routine with their class, complete with costumes, lights and props. Some classes even performed in both shows. One after one, the dancers rose to the occasion and put on their very best show. The audience was as involved as ever; clapping, dancing, and cheering on the dancers. The dancers responded superbly much to the delight of the audience. They switched from beaming smiles to gushing tears of joy and the dancers eat it up!! This year, something new was added to the show; a volunteer thank you piece. *Danceability* could not do what it does without each and every volunteer. This year we decided to give them a public thank you. As Josh Groban's song "Thankful" played, each volunteer walked out onto the stage where they were thanked by the hug of a grateful dancer. Audience, volunteers and dancers all felt that this was a touching way to end the show. We hope to have it become a long standing tradition.

Thank you all for another great performance!!



## **3rd Annual Jazz, Jokes & Java a Big Success**

On Saturday March 19, 2011, *danceability, Inc.* held its 3rd annual Jazz, Jokes & Java at the Hearthstone Manor. The night was a HUGE success raising over \$12,500.00 for the program. This would not have been possible without the generous support of Salvatore's Culinary Institute, Ricotta's Pizza, Comedy Sportz, the Cleveland Hill High School Jazz Band, Rich Products, DiCamillos Bakery, event volunteers and of course, all who attended. We hope you had fun! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 2, 2012 at the Hearthstone Manor because we are going to do it again!! Tell your friends to Save the Date!