

TAVA
ZIVA

“Tavaziva’s dance workshops are the perfect way for children and young people to be inspired by my own story as a dancer.”

Bawren Tavaziva, Artistic Director

Black History Month

Dance Workshops for KS2, KS3 & KS4
October



“I was given the opportunity to dance when I was young and that changed my life. I want to inspire young people.”



Bawren Tavaziva
Artistic Director

I am Bawren Tavaziva, the Artistic Director of Tavaziva, a professional Contemporary African dance company based in London. I was born in a rural village near Masvingo in Zimbabwe. Football, Michael Jackson, New Edition and Kung Fu movies viewed at my local community hall provided inspiration to me as a young boy. My musical talents also developed at this time on a guitar made by my brother from a 5 litre tin can and fishing wire.

I attended a dance programme for underprivileged youngsters at the age of 12 where I practiced contemporary dance, ballet and traditional dance. I was selected as an apprentice for Tumbuke Dance Company in Harare, and we toured Africa and Europe for 5 years. I moved to the UK in 1998 where I performed for Phoenix Dance, Union Dance Company and others before forming my own company Tavaziva in 2004.

I am really proud of my professional company Tavaziva as we are now one of the UK's leading dance companies and we tour productions to audiences throughout the UK and abroad.

I particularly encourage boys to dance and I am very grateful to The Monument Trust for funding our programme.

Dance Workshops for Schools

For KS2, KS3 and KS4

- Half day workshops
- Full day workshops
- 2-3 day creative residencies



Explore the fascinating traditions and rhythmic rituals of the Zimbabwean Shona tribe through Tavaziva's unique Black History Month dance workshops.

Students will have the opportunity to work with professional dancers to experience Tavaziva's fusion of traditional African dance with contemporary and ballet in these fun, rhythmic and energetic workshops.

Schools signing up for a residency will have the opportunity to perform in Tavaziva's Youth Dance Showcase promoting the talent and creativity of young Londoners.

All workshops will be tailored to the age of the class. We are particularly keen to encourage boys to participate and can create bespoke sessions.

Workshops

Sessions are led by Bawren Tavaziva and one of his highly skilled professional dancers. Students will experience a combined style of contemporary and African dance fuelled by the sounds of African drumming in an interactive and highly physical creative dance session.

Aim

To inspire students to explore their own heritage and other cultures through dance.

Students will gain

- An appreciation and understanding of Zimbabwean Shona tribe culture
- Skills in dynamics, repetition, unison, canon, tension and release.
- Ability to respond imaginatively to stimulus and music.
- Increased confidence and the value of team work.
- Physical fitness and understanding of health and wellbeing

Linking in with the National Curriculum and CPD objectives, teachers will gain basic skills, tactics and compositional ideas.

All Tavaziva's artists are professional dancers and workshop leaders with up to date DBS certificates.

Half day	£175
Full day	£300

Workshop sessions can vary between 45mins–2 hours
Maximum class size – 35

Residencies

Sessions are led by Bawren Tavaziva and one of his highly skilled professional dancers. Students will experience a combined style of contemporary and African dance in a series of interactive and highly physical creative dance sessions, where ideas will be developed to create a high quality performance piece.

Aim

To inspire students to explore their own heritage and other cultures through dance. The residency aims to develop collaborative, choreographic and performance skills.

Students will gain

- An appreciation and understanding of Zimbabwean Shona tribe culture
- Skills in dynamics, repetition, unison, canon, tension and release
- Ability to respond imaginatively to stimulus and music
- An understanding of working with professional artists and peers
- Increased confidence and the value of team work
- Skills in creating, choreographing and performing dance.

All Tavaziva's artists are professional dancers and workshop leaders with up to date DBS certificates.

2 day residency	£500
3 day residency	£750
Performance at showcase	Free

Full day 10am–3pm
Maximum class size – 35

**To book a workshop or residency please call: 020 8365 9150
or email kathleen.murphy@tavazivadance.com**

**TAVA
ZIVA**

THE MONUMENT TRUST



Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**