



2016 KAK Scholarship winner, Anna Maria de Freitas, on stage. Photos: Karen Johnstone

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2016 KAK DANCE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

ANNA MARIA de Freitas, one of the young and talented members of the popular Metamorphosis Dance Company, is now the holder of the 2016 Kathleen Armstrong Kilgour (KAK) dance award.

The KAK Dance Scholarship is an annual award presented to a deserving Metamorphosis dancer for commitment and dedication to dance practice. The award is in memory of the late Kathleen Armstrong Kilgour, mother of professor, author, actor, dancer and Trinidadian Dr Joanne Kilgour-Dowdy.

The KAK Dance Scholarship was established to support young talented dancers of Metamorphosis, financially in their formative stages of training. The award assists young dancers to become performance-ready and attain the necessary qualifications for eligibility.

Popularly known as Metamorphosis, the dance company currently comprises 25 senior and accomplished students of the well-established Caribbean School of Dancing. de Freitas is a 16-year-old pupil of the British Academy.

Upon receiving her KAK award, de Freitas said she was honoured to receive the award since the other winners "are all such amazing dancers and wonderful people".

"It is a privilege and I intend to put it towards ensuring that I have good pictures and footage of my dancing to present to dance colleges

or companies.

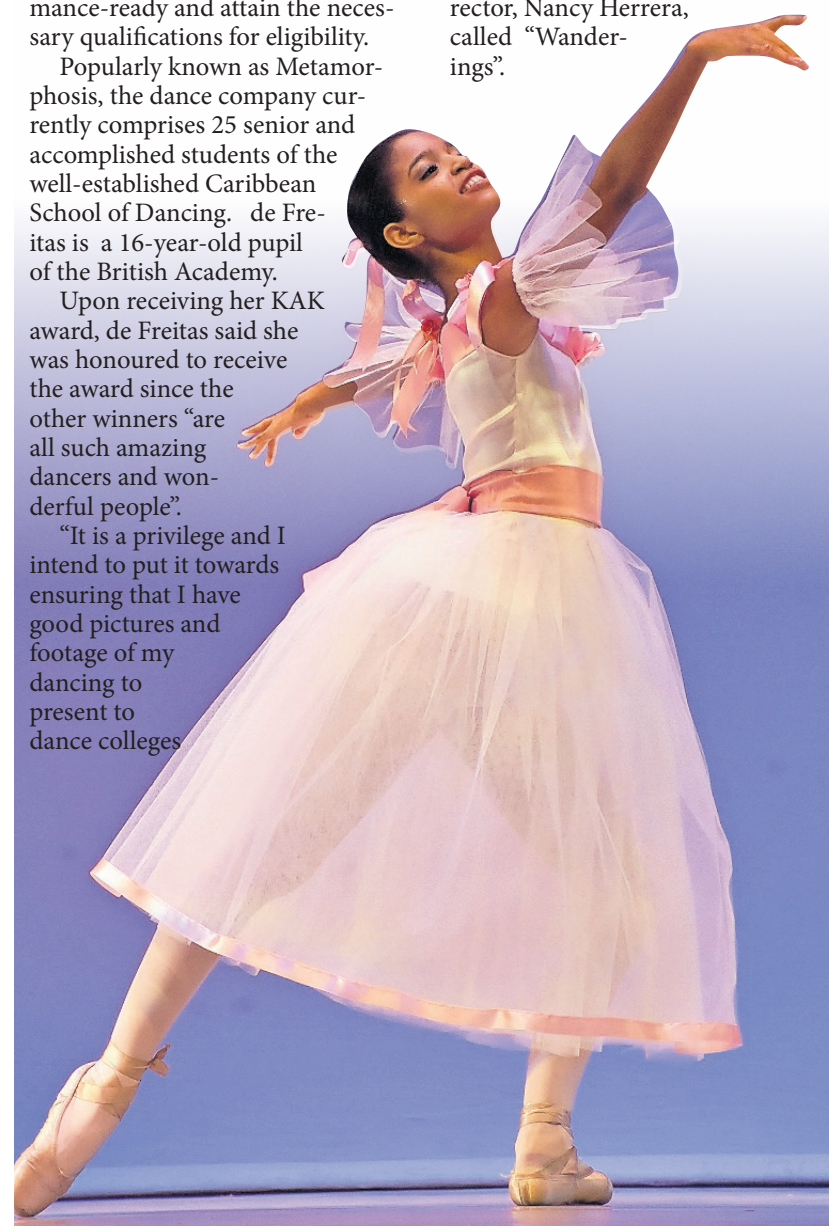
"I also think it is important that I start good archives.

In thanking her family, teachers and fellow dancers, de Freitas said she hoped the same way Dr Dowdy has given back that she too will receive and give in her same spirit.

De Freitas will next perform at the Metamorphosis 21st Dance Season "Arise", which ends today at Queen's Hall in St Ann's.

Season 2016, "Arise", will feature the choreography of Viki Bromberg Psihoyos, a former New York City Ballet dancer; teacher at the Colorado Ballet Academy and accomplished choreographer.

This season also features music played live by the National Steel Symphony Orchestra, led by Jessel Murray and a piece by artistic director, Nancy Herrera, called "Wanderings".



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