Dear Partners of Cantinas,

We are so thankful to all of you. God has certainly shaken things up in Cantinas this year but He has been so faithful to this ministry. There have been many changes in leadership as a major shift in the winds of opportunity approached us. Our faithful board, expert advisors and committed staff have helped Cantinas to set our sails to move smoothly into the future with mindsets girded by faith.

We stand firm in our mission and are looking forward to sharing some of the things we have been up to this year.

We hope this newsletter finds you well and we pray blessings upon you as we approach this holiday season.

Blessings,

The Cantinas Team
Our Team

The “living curriculum” of Cantinas is our incredibly committed Board of Directors, our experienced Advisory Board and our talented and passionate Staff. We pray that the hours and love these individuals pour into the Arts community will impact generations for Christ.
In March, we took the members of the Cantinas Dance Project and 2014 Song Search Winner, Ryan Kennedy up to Paso Robles for a weekend retreat to film a music video for the song “No Other King”. The retreat was a great way for the dancers to grow closer to each other and the Lord. We had devotionals and worship every morning and evening. It was a beautiful collaboration and God’s glory was present throughout the entire production. We are inspired by the potential this team has to impact the culture through amazing worship music and dance.

Please help support Ryan and Cantinas Dance Project by viewing the music video and Downloading “No Other King” on iTunes.
The “Cantinas Night of Faith” held at the California Mid-State Fair was a huge success. The Fair is the Central Coast’s largest event of the year and the Night of Faith is a cherished evening for the Christian community of Central California. On July 23, 2015, it was a privilege to present two packed out performances featuring David Crowder and the Cantinas Dance Project. With over 5,000 people in attendance, this was truly an incredible Worship experience and true celebration of the arts.

In addition to David Crowder, last year’s Christian Song Search Winner, Ryan Kennedy hosted the concert. His journey with Cantinas started exactly one year before at the Cantinas Night of Faith opening for Mercy Me with his song, “No Other King.”

The Cantinas Dance Project opened the show with two new numbers, choreographed by CDP Director, Bradley Rapier. The first number they performed was “Storm” and the audience was captivated by the message in the piece. The second number they performed was “No Other King” by Ryan Kennedy. Cantinas produced the song “No Other King” with Grammy Award winner, Ran Jackson. It was a part of Ryan’s prize for winning the Christian Song Search last year so it was only fitting that this year the dancers performed to his song.

The evening was a beautiful night of worship where the Lord’s name was lifted up in prayer, dance, and worship. It was a blessing to the local community. Cantinas has received many notes of gratitude through Facebook for putting on the Cantinas Night of Faith. Cantinas looks forward to sponsoring the event again next year!
Cantinas had its first public event at Cantinas on Park featuring Ryan Kennedy. It was a local event where people from the community of Paso Robles came out to experience Cantinas on Park for the first time. There was not a seat left in the house and Ryan's style set the stage for people in the audience to experience the love of Christ. It was a beautiful night where lives were touched by the lyrics in Ryan’s songs. There was a local DJ, Jeff Bradley, who was so touched by Ryan’s performance that he featured him and his music for an hour the following day on his radio show. A local blogger also wrote an article the following week detailing her review of Ryan’s performance at Cantinas on Park and his album. We were excited by the guests reactions and the buzz that was created around town. We are looking forward to more events at Cantinas on Park in 2016!

Meet Ran Jackson… Ran produced Ryan Kennedy’s, “No Other King” and has been helping Cantinas develop Ryan as an Artist. A grammy award-winning songwriter and producer and member of the indie rock band The Daylights, he has toured the globe and shared stages with some of music’s biggest hitmakers. He has worked with Katy Perry, OneRepublic, Youth, Joy Williams (Civil Wars), Bethel Music, Lecrae, the GooGooDolls, Linda Perry, Charlie Peacock, NeedtoBreathe, For King and Country, Darrell Thorpe, Jim Abbiss, Tim Palmer and many others. His music has been featured in countless TV shows and films, as well as advertising campaigns. He co-owns the Electric Compound in Los Angeles, CA, where he spends his time writing with artists, producing, composing, programming and mixing a wide spectrum of albums and productions. With all of these many accomplishments, Ran uses his influence and talent in the music industry to serve the Lord. He is a committed Christian who leads a collaboration between all Los Angeles based worship leaders. We are thankful to have him in the Cantinas Family and are looking forward to a worship writing retreat collaboration in the near future.
In June, we were contacted by the Toby Mac and his team because they were interested in casting our dancers for his upcoming video, “Feel It”. After they had seen the dancers at the Dove Awards they were beyond thrilled to hire the dancers. Originally the dancers and Bradley were going to play more of a background role but as soon as they met our dancers, they realized the star quality. They were loved by everyone on set. Toby commented on their strong faith and professionalism. We are so proud and are looking forward to future partnership. Check out the video:

CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO
Cantinas Dance Project has been committed to building leaders in the performing arts who use their gifting to inspire and serve others. We are committed to launching leaders into the entertainment industry. We are proud to say that 5 of our dancers moved on to some amazing opportunities. In May, we held auditions in Hollywood to replace the members that had moved on and we had a HUGE turnout for auditions. It was incredible to hear the amazing reputation CDP has built in the dance community. We are so proud to introduce you to our five new members. Below are their head shots and three fun facts about each member!

**MEET OUR NEW CDP MEMBERS**

**SPENCER FIELD**
From Colorado Springs, CO
Danced with Young Americans
Triple threat actor, dancer, and singer

**CHRISTINA STONER**
From Modesto, CA
Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Cal State LA
Avid swimmer

**CHRIS KOEHL**
From Dallas, TX
Made Top 14 So You Think You Can Dance Season 8
Loves photography

**RISSI ZIMMERMAN**
From Bad Koenig, Germany
Moved to NY at age 15 to dance
Graduate of USC

**MIKE LANGFORD**
From San Diego, CA
Lead singer of his own band
His mother taught him the moonwalk

**WELCOME TO THE CANTINAS FAMILY!**
The Cantinas Dance Project was invited to Cloud and Fire to perform and teach twelve dance workshops over two days. The program was incorporated into Cloud & Fire's Mental Toughness which is the first two weeks of the Youthbuild Experience where participants can earn a high school diploma for free. It is for students ages 16-25 and is a fully accredited program. The Cantinas Dancers inspired the students through dance but also encourage them through words of personal testimonies.

We were so grateful to partner with our brother's and sister's at Cloud and Fire. We were encouraged by their messages of hope and restoration. Read the quotes below to see our experiences.

Spencer Field, CDP: “I was blessed with the opportunity to work with the school Cloud & Fire with My Cantinas Dance Project Family. School was rough for me just as it was for many of us. I can't fathom the love and care the teachers and mentors have for these people. It's a selfless act to give and expect nothing in return. Thank you GOD for blessing me each and everyday by allowing me to do what I love to do and giving me experiences like the one I was part of these last two days!”

Kat Hughes, CDP: Cloud and Fire stands for MORE. More stands for MY OPPORTUNITY to REBUILD EVERYTHING. It’s a place that offers second chances to young adults who haven’t finished high school. I had some time to learn about their stories and all I can say is, we have NO EXCUSES! They have gone through so much unimaginable hurt, trauma and disappointments yet they push through and make the choice to do something about their life. I love seeing hope arise out of impossible situations! God is so so so so good.

Mike Langford, CDP: “So many hearts lifted!!! Cloud and Fire helps today’s youth get they’re lives right for the future! We had the privilege of performing two numbers and then, spent two school days teaching dance classes and giving our personal testimonies to encourage so many amazing individuals! It was a crazy experience to be able to reach out to people on that level! We went out to show some serious love! Thank you to all that were involved!

Melody Rossi, Executive Director: There aren’t words enough to express the impact that Cantinas Dance Project had on Cloud & Fire's YouthBuild students. Our young people aren’t easily won over, but the initial dance performance wowed them. They were in awe of the dancers’ abilities, but also deeply moved by the personal stories. Having the team on our site for two days of workshops was phenomenal—amazing beyond our wildest dreams.

These talented, beautiful dancers impressed me so deeply, and on so many levels. Unlike so many performers who are engrossed with their own abilities or building their careers, the Dance Project members humbly served our young people, gently guiding them into a fun and freeing creative experience. They showed our youth how to let dance help them express who they are—and how to let walls fall down. It was amazing to see Cloud & Fire students enter into new territory, made safe by the dancers.

I have been involved in the arts and in ministry to at-risk youth for most of my life, and I can attest to the fact that this is a unique, God-birthed effort like no other. Their dance credits alone are amazing, but their heart for the Lord sets them apart.
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- Potential Retreats and Workshops: Songwriting, Dance, Creative Writing etc
- Sustainable Income Opportunities
- Performance Opportunities
- Land Development: Fire Station, Camp Property and Funding

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Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

John 4:13-14