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Ms Jocelyn Dow
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Dear Jocelyn,

I have a proposal I wish to make and request that you use your connections with the Taitt family to see if it is acceptable.

I am suggesting a Helen Taitt Dance Scholarship that would provide, either one or on a periodical basis, facilities for a Guyan^{ese} dancer to have professional training abroad.

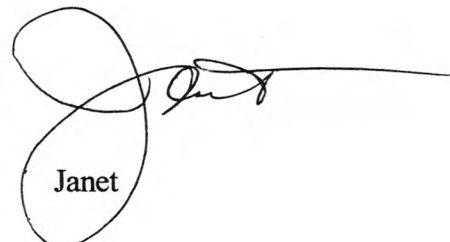
This idea came to me when I met Royston Anderson, a member of the National Dance Company who has been applying for admission to the well known Alvin Ailey Dance Centre in New York since 1994, but lacks the funds to do so.

A scholarship for 6 months would entail (1) air fare to New York (2) tuition & fees of US\$2,550 (3) and approximately (according to the school's projection) US\$4,500 for the cost of upkeep during that period. There is also the possibility of a shorter (3 months) or longer, one year (double the amount quoted). Mr Anderson had suggested three months (\$1,500 + \$2,250) and would be happy with that, but I think it is too short a period.

Mr Anderson is 26 years of age, lives at 72 Prince William Street, Plaisance and has spent 4 years with the National Dance Company. Before that, he spent 5 years with the Alberttown Police Youth group which had a dance theatre. He also danced at Carifesta in 1995 in Trinidad and is interested in modern dance, Afro-Caribbean Dances, Reggae and Kataak.

Please let me know early, if there is any possibility in pursuing the line of a Helen Taitt Dance Scholarship or if I should seek other ways of helping this deserving dance student.

Best regards,



Janet