



Flare Dance Company members Jane Khoo, Caleb Low and Allison Stickney perform for charity.

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A beautiful movement

James Dowling

FLARE Dance Company will be stepping out for its first ever performance this Friday.

The amateur Hawthorn dance group will perform *Metamorphosis*, a series of 12 contemporary dances.

Company president Jane Khoo said *Metamorphosis* had a special meaning for the club and its members.

"We started from the Melbourne University dance company and it has been our aim to get out in the community," Khoo said.

She said many of the company's dancers

were undergoing a metamorphosis in their own lives from the student lifestyle to the working world.

Khoo was shocked when she finished her doctorate last year and could not find a community-based amateur company which put on dance performances.

"The only amateur dance groups are attached to schools," Khoo said.

"So I decided to create my own.

"The company is for young working adults who are no longer students but still want to dance."

She said the group focused on different types of contemporary dance styles.

"The company is mainly contemporary but the whole idea is to promote versatility," Khoo said.

"We want people to embrace the different kind of dance styles."

But Khoo did admit her favourite style was lyrical contemporary.

"It is just really expressive, emotional and technically challenging," Khoo said.

"You are trying to express the meaning of a song through dance."

She said shows like *So You Think You Can Dance* and *Dancing With The Stars* was helping the public understand the intricacies of dance.

"People can see how hard it is to put a professional show on stage," she said.

"And how each style has its own beauty." All proceeds from the company's first show will go to Autism Victoria.

"It is a really great cause and I did some doctorate work in Autism and funding is just so hard to come by," Khoo said.

Showtimes: Friday, October 3, at 7.30pm and Saturday, October 4, at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, at Renaissance Theatre, Kew High School.

Tickets: \$20/\$15.
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