

## **DANCE AS A CAREER**

Dance can be categorised in different forms and style while each style has its own message and how it is dance. Dancing is a way of exercising your body, keep fit with simple movement. The body is the main structure with which movements are made. There are many reasons why different people choose to learn how to dance. It can be to make new friends that share the same hobby or a way to exercise your body or a way to overcome shyness.

### **Meaning of Dance as a Career**

This can be described as having a job or profession in dancing by making a living from it. Gradually, dance is becoming a popular art form in our entertainment industries. This is evident in the high demand and production of Nigerian - based movies, music videos, T.V. advertisement and dance competitions being organised by big brands in Nigeria are creating a new profession for career dancers.

### **Career Prospects of Studying Dance**

Diverse career opportunities are possible in dance. Some of these are as follows:

1. One can be a dance lecturer, trainer and consultant.
2. One can be a cultural officer in the government arts council.
3. A professional dancer can own a dance company and become an employer of labour.
4. One can participate and win prizes, get fame in talent hunt competitions such as "Maltina dance all".
5. A professional dancer can work as a choreographer.
6. One can be a member of the National dance troupe.
7. One can work as a producer for advertising agencies or television station.

### **Some Dance Artists in Nigeria**

These are some professional dance artists in Nigeria:

1. Muyiwa Oshinaike
2. Adedayo Liadi
3. Kafayatu Shafi (Kaffy)
4. Debo Ajibade
5. African Rhythms International
6. Margaret Madu (Step riders)

7. Alfred Bunmilola (Ebony)
8. Black Roots International Dance Company
9. Christopher Abdul Yisa Onibasa
10. Salami Alade
11. Cowrie Dance Troupe
12. Cynthia Concepts
13. Ijodee Dance Company
14. Stella-Moroundia Oyedepo
15. Midonn Dance Ensemble
16. Victor Okwuchukwu-eze.