Course Syllabus: The Comix Method Certification

Format: Online, Self-Paced Training

Duration: Estimated 10-12 Hours of Coursework + Practical Application

Outcome: The Comix Method Official Certification + 1 Year Access to "The Comix Method: Resources"

Welcome to The Comix Method

This certification is designed for dance educators looking to elevate their Hip Hop programs through authentic history, proven technical drills, and age appropriate pedagogy. This course moves beyond "just choreography," providing teachers with the tools to build a sustainable, culturally respectful, and technically sound Hip Hop department.

How to Study for This Course

- **Create Your Lab Space:** Many lessons in Section 3 involve technical drills. Don't just watch. Have enough space to move so you can "mark" the movements as you learn the pedagogy.
- **Follow the Sequence:** This course is designed linearly. Understanding the **History (Section 2)** provides the "soul" of the movement before you dive into the **Method (Section 3)**.
- **Application-First Note Taking:** As you go through the age-specific modules, identify which of your current classes will benefit from these specific tips immediately.
- **The "Action" Observation:** Pay close attention to *The Comix Method in Action*! This section shows you the "invisible" parts of teaching—energy management, corrections, and how to command a room.

Goals & Objectives

By the end of this certification, educators will be able to:

1. **Identify and Teach Styles:** Distinguish between the histories and foundational movements of Hip Hop, Locking, Popping, and Breaking.
2. **Apply The Comix Method:** Implement a consistent teaching philosophy across all age groups (7-10, Pre-teen, and Teen).
3. **Optimize Class Structure:** Master the art of the Hip Hop warm-up and age-specific technical drills.
4. **Manage Program Growth:** Overcome common hurdles in the competition circuit, standard classes, and build specialized "Boys Only" environments.
5. **Audit Aesthetic Choices:** Make informed decisions on costumes, dancewear, and choreography that honor the culture.

Curriculum Outline

Section 1: The Introduction

- **The Introduction:** Orientation to the platform, the certification process, and the "Comix" philosophy.

Section 2: The Birth of Hip Hop

- **Finding the Roots of Hip Hop:** The cultural origins and foundation.
- **Dance History - Hip Hop Dance:** Breaking down the evolution of the style.
- **Dance History - Locking:** Origins, key figures, and movements.
- **Dance History - Popping:** Technical history and foundational context.
- **Dance History - Breaking:** The floorwork and power-move history.
- **Assessment: Test 1: Hip Hop History** (Requires a passing score to proceed).

Section 3: The Comix Method

- **The Comix Method in a Nutshell:** The high-level overview of the system.
- **Class Styles:** Identifying and structuring different types of classes.
- **The Comix Method for Warm-ups:** Purpose, execution, and content tips.
- **Age-Specific Instruction:**
  - The Comix Method for 7-10 Year Old & Beginner Dance Classes
  - The Comix Method for Pre-teen & Intermediate Experienced Dancers
  - The Comix Method For Teen & Advanced Dancers
- **Technical Implementation:**
  - The Comix Method for Hip Hop Training
  - The Comix Method for Popping Training
  - The Comix Method for B-boy/B-girl Training
- **Program & Studio Management:**
  - Hip Hop's Hurdles in Competition: Strategy for the competitive stage.
  - The Comix Method for Boys Only Classes: Recruitment and retention tactics.
  - The Comix Method for Dancewear & Costumes: Cultural and aesthetic guidance.
  - The Comix Method for Crafting Choreography: Building pieces with intent.
  - The Comix Method for Rebuilding a Hip Hop Program: Strategies for growth.
- **The Comix Method in Action!:** Demonstrations of the method applied in real teaching scenarios.

- **Final Assessment: Test 2** (Comprehensive methodology exam).

Certification Benefits

Upon successful completion of the final assessment, students will receive:

- **Official Certification:** A digital (printable) certificate verifying training in The Comix Method.
- **Resource Access: 1 Year of full access** to "The Comix Method: Resources," including updated drills, lesson plans, teaching material, curriculums, webinar access, and hours of tutorial videos.