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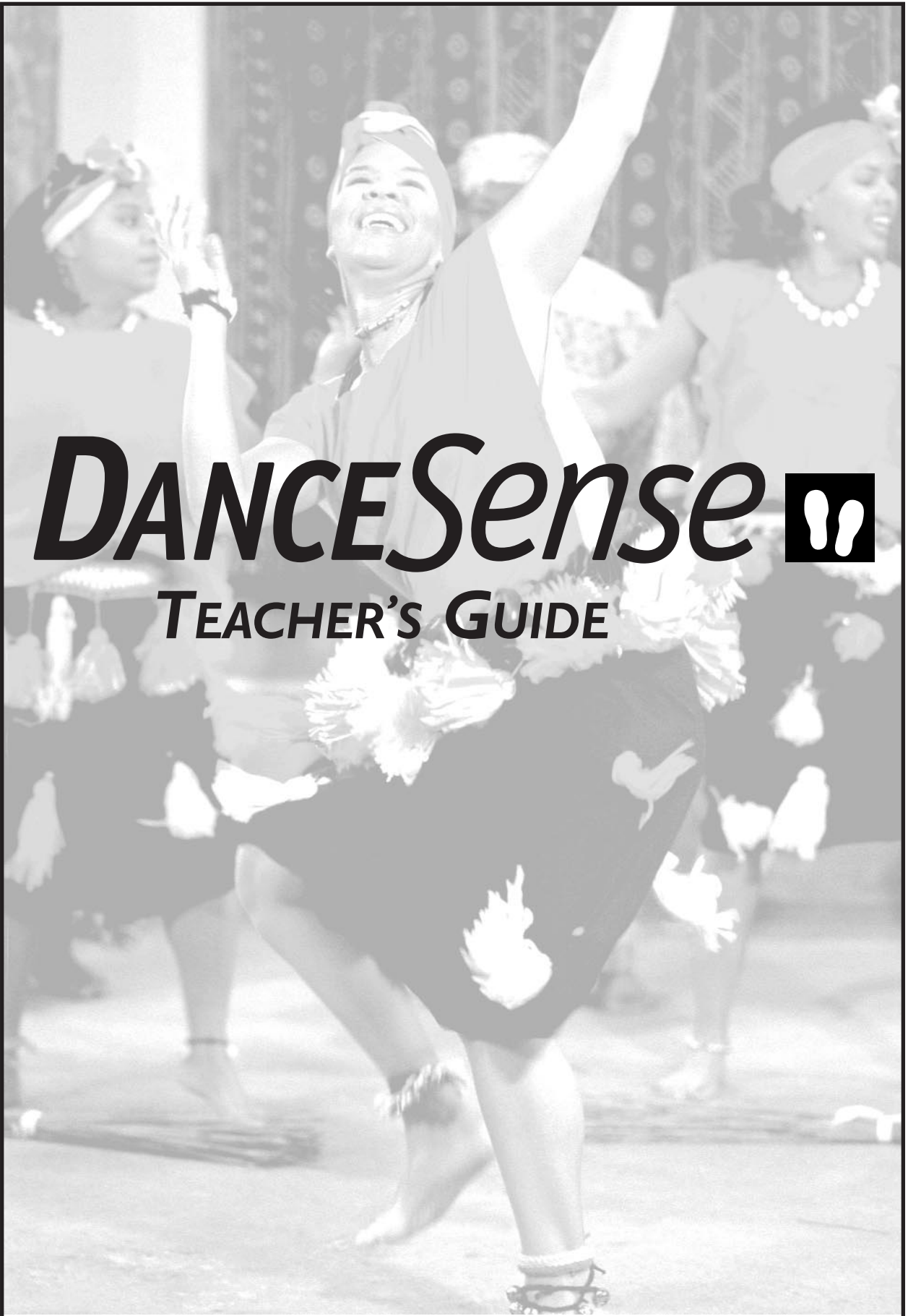


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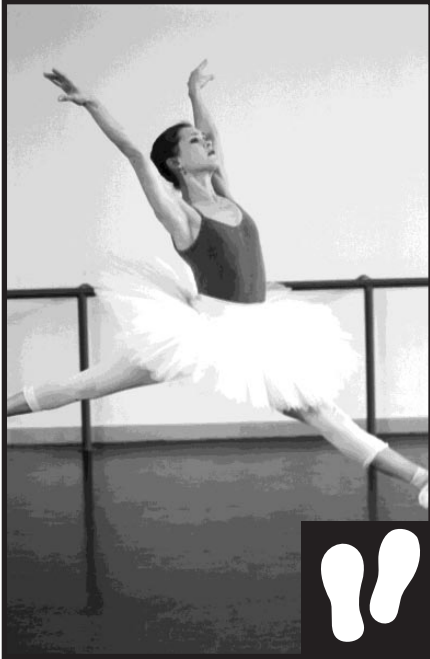


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INTRODUCTION



We live in a world of motion. Waves roll onto beaches. The wind rustles the leaves. The sun moves from one side of the horizon to the other. And people move. We run, jump, skip, slide, shimmy from one place to another. Our heart pumps, our lungs expand and contract, and our eyes open and close. And we dance—to celebrate, in worship, or simply for the pure joy of moving.

Dance is a way of communicating without words and through movement. **DanceSense** is a series that explores why people dance, what dance is, and how dances are created. It looks at dances of various cultures, ethnic groups, and historical periods. It explores the elements of dance and various styles of performance dance. And during the course of the ten programs, students will have an opportunity to meet, observe, and learn from choreographers, tappers, ballet dancers, modern dancers, folk dancers, jazz dancers, and many others. Ultimately, **DanceSense** hopes to capture the energy and emotion of dance and build on young people's inherent enjoyment of moving in order to stimulate interest, understanding, and appreciation of dance. The series' content is based on the National Standards for Arts Education in Dance.

This guide contains information about each program as well as pre-viewing and post-viewing activities. These programs can be adapted for grades 5 through high school. Some content is more advanced and therefore more appropriate for middle or high school, particularly the last five programs. We've included a variety of activities, giving teachers the opportunity to select those most appropriate for the grade level they teach. The **DanceSense** website contains additional materials and activities; visit it at www.ket.org/dancesense



For Kentucky Teachers

DanceSense is based on Kentucky's Core Content for Assessment. Viewing the programs and using the activities and information contained in the guide and on the **DanceSense** website will help teachers address core content for dance, but could also be used to address other academic areas, such as social studies. Included in each program chapter is a list of specific core content addressed.

