

Samples of Teaching Evaluations For Izumi Sato

University of Hawaii at Manoa
DNCE 301 & 401 in Spring 2005 (23 students)

Dance Program Technique Course Evaluation created and distributed by department, Fall 2004, Spring 2005

Teaching Skills

“Izumi is well structured and full of knowledge.”

“The instructor encouraged learning, practice, and the enjoyment of learning and performing. This was an excellent course and should be a regular course offering every semester.”

“Best and most compassionate teacher.”

“I was pleased to work with such a knowledgeable enthusiastic instructor. She was very attentive to students needs, and did a good job of answering questions and generally tried to stimulate student’s interests in this dance form. She also encouraged students to think about the dance on a personal level with the Creative Project assignment.”

“She has so much of patience in teaching. Her style of teaching is excellent.”

“Izumi was /is a magnificent teacher and I enjoyed the class thoroughly. She is very good at this style of movement, which creates a great example to learn from.”

Teaching Style

“Izumi is fantastic at breaking down material and teaching it in chunks so that the end, when it is pieced together surprises you surprised by how much you have leaned.”

Students’ Overall Impression

“Izumi’s class has been my most meaningful and cherished experience in college.”

“Izumi is an exceptional teacher of this dance. I never thought that I would be able to get it down, but with her patience, I completed the dance just fine and with satisfaction.”

“This class was very challenging but I enjoyed working on the details and learning the *hasta mudras* and meanings. The creative arts project is a great way to express learning.”

“Izumi is an exceptional teacher of this dance. She is very patient but kept her faith that we would pull through in the performance. I have a much higher appreciation for dances in different cultures now. They are very special, meaningful, and full of spirit. Izumi will be greatly missed in the dance department (at UHM).”

Reflection Form, created and distributed by Sato in mid term and final, Spring 2005 and Fall 2004

“I proved to myself that they were reachable that I could succeed. Working hard internally really helped to achieve and thrive.”

Teaching Skills

“Thank you Izumi for being so patient in helping us learn the dance.”

“I loved this class! One of my favorites. Izumi is a calm and realistic teacher. She is warm and collaborative. I had a great experience learning Bharatanatyam.”

“I believe Izumi did an excellent job of training students and I realize it would take one years and years to perfect the craft. I look forward to taking the next Bharatanatyam course with Izumi. Thank you. Excellent job.”

“Ms. Sato is very professional and respectable in her instruction. She is very patient with her students.”

“I feel very blessed to have stumbled upon your course last semester. You are truly amazing, talented, inspiring.”

“You did a great job teaching the un-teachable.”

Teaching Style

“This is the first time I feel comfortable and confident dancing on stage. Your teaching techniques, patience and belief in the students facilitate the learning process.”

“I feel the teacher’s teaching style is very energetic and systematic.”

“I think this class is really fun, and I think that Izumi’s teaching method presents the course material in such an organized manner that it is easy to learn from her.”

“Most helpful was that the instructor has a very good sense of pace and ability of students, which make this course an excellent learning experience for beginner and more advanced students. This course and the instructor is one of the best learning experiences of my many years at this university. The instructor is a great teacher and makes learning both enjoyable and takes it seriously.”

“This is a very well structured class”.

What Students Learned

“I learned that writing down steps helps me to learn them”.

“I feel I also learned a lot from Izumi in her methodological teaching style. The progression of the course was well organized and planned. The course materials are divided and made us learn a lot in short period of time. She explains movements well. She was very good at making us do hard work without noticing us”.

“You are great! I love the class environment.

Thank you Izumi for blessing me with Bharatanatyam dance”.

“Love it, love it, love it. What a great inspiration. Inspiration is a key to so many things in life”.

“This is a great class and you are an excellent teacher”.

“You are a great teacher and dancer. I wish you would stay so I could continue my Bharatanatyam training next semester. This was a wonderful experience for me. I will never forget it. Thank you Izumi.”

* Copy of the Evaluation Forms and Teaching Evaluations written by the students available upon request.