

## **CHOREOGRAPHY**

**Choreography is the arrangement of dances in various patterns and styles.** There are several patterns and styles involved in choreography. Dancers may move in a unique style and in a particular direction moving their hands, legs, head or waist all at the same time.

### **Principles of choreography**

1. **Order:** This is the organized patterns, procedures and approaches guiding a particular choreography.
2. **Beauty:** This is the attractive nature of a choreography due to its organized nature.
3. **Variety:** This is the mixture of various dance steps, patterns and movements to make it interesting.
4. **Motion:** This is the basis of choreography. It involves all the actions that take place in it such as leaping, turning around, bending etc.
5. **Dynamics:** This is the contrast in speed. A slow movement may be followed by a fast one and vice versa.
6. **Timing:** This is the regulation of dance steps according to time. This helps to create uniform rhythm and coherence.
7. **Space:** This is the area in which all the dancing actions take place.
8. **Body:** This is the use of the several body parts in creating organized motions and patterns.
9. **Repetition:** This is use of repeated steps and motions to create a sense of unity.
10. **Climax:** This is the highest point in a dance. It is usually more vigorous or contain very unique features.

**A choreographer is someone who creates, arranges, organizes and teaches dances.**

Choreographers are usually needed in theatrical performances. Operas and musicals usually involve a lot of choreography. Choreographers create dance steps or patterns to fit specific music, rhythms or dramatic performances. Below is a choreographer teaching some people dance steps.

### **Summary**

Choreography is the arrangement of dances in various patterns and styles. The principles of choreography are order, beauty, variety, motion, dynamics, timing, space, body, repetition, climax. A choreographer is someone who creates, arranges, organizes and teaches dances.

### **Review Questions**

1. Define Choreography
2. List and explain ten principles of choreography
3. Explain who a choreographer is.