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Sanela Jankovic Marusic is an assistant professor and the course leader of the Postgraduate specialist study Creative Therapies at the Academy of Arts and Culture in Osijek, University J.J. Strossmayer in Osijek, Croatia where she teaches dance movement therapy group of subjects. She is certified and registered dance movement therapist and president of the Croatian Association for Dance Movement Psychotherapy, delegate from Croatia at the European Association Dance Movement Therapy EADMT and delegate at the Association of psychotherapy societies in Croatia SPUH.

Sanela Jankovic Marusic is born in Vinkovci, Croatia, 1971. After completing mathematics high school in Zagreb, she graduated contemporary dance at London Contemporary Dance School, University of Kent at Canterbury, UK in 1998. Additionally she completed 4 Yr Dance Movement Therapy education by the standards of EADMT as well as 1Yr study programme of teaching competencies at the Catholic University in Zagreb, Croatia.

She participated in creating new Postgraduate specialist study Creative Therapies in Osijek, the first study of its kind at the university level in the whole region. As an artistic associate she taught stage movement for actors within the subject Master acting workshop at MA study Acting and Puppetry at the Academy of Arts and Culture in Osijek since 2015. In 2017. she got academic title of associate professor in artistic domain, field of dance art, branch stage movement for actors. Since 2017. she is a coordinator of Dance Movement Therapy study at the Postgraduate specialist study Creative Therapies and the leader of the course since 2019.

As a contemporary dancer and choreographer she has actively performed at the Place Theatre in London, Contemporary Dance Week Festivals in Zagreb, Croatia and at independent dance projects. She has collaborated with different theatres working on stage movement for plays (Theatre Virovitica, Kerempuh, Gradsko kazalište mladih Split) and also has worked as a contemporary dance teacher at artistic schools in Zagreb and Labin, Croatia. As a certified dance movement therapist she pioneered dance movement therapy in Croatia with different clinical population at medical institutions (Psychiatry hospital Vrapce and Sveti Ivan, Jankomir, Zagreb), NGOs (Centre for psychological support to women with breast cancer "Sve za nju", Zagreb), primary schools working with children with emotional and behavioral difficulties and homes for elderly people in Zagreb and Osijek promoting therapeutic aspect of dance and movement in the society. She has actively participated at numerous conferences and professional meetings providing lectures and workshops for the experts in related fields.