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## **BalletMet Dance Academy Rings in the New Year**

*Dance Classes for all ages and skill levels resume January 5*

**COLUMBUS, OH**— Following a short break during the holiday season, the BalletMet Dance Academy resumes its wide variety of dance classes January 5. Classes are still accepting registrations at both the downtown Dance Centre, 322 Mt. Vernon Ave., and the Gahanna Vista Plaza location, 1141 N. Hamilton Road.

Classes are available for ages 3 through adult. Offerings include ballet, tap, jazz, modern, Pilates, ballroom, hip-hop and more. BalletMet season subscribers receive a 10 percent discount on all classes. Other discounts are available for multiple family members, college students and members of OhioDance. College credit is available through Columbus State Community College. Scholarships and financial aid are available for students ages 9 and older.

The BalletMet Dance Academy ranks among the nation's top five dance-training centers affiliated with a professional company. It teaches more than 1,200 students of all ages. Classes are taught by professional faculty, many of whom have danced with companies throughout the world.

Both locations have open classes for teens and adults, for beginning through experienced dancers. New open classes at the downtown location include introductory classes in ballet, tap, jazz, Pilates, and Flamenco. New classes at the Gahanna site include introductory ballet and jazz as well as new Creative Movement and early childhood classes.

Exclusive to the Gahanna site is "Come Dance With Me" a movement and music exploration class for three-year-old children that they can enjoy with a parent or other adult, as well as Yoga4Kids, yoga classes for preschool students and children ages 8 to 10 taught by a certified yoga instructor. Master classes with the BalletMet Professional Company artists are offered for intermediate and advanced students.

BalletMet Columbus, renowned for its versatility and innovative repertory, ranks among the nation's 15 largest dance companies, and its Dance Academy ranks among the five largest professional dance-training centers. Since its inception in 1978, BalletMet has added 142 company premieres to its repertoire and produced 117 world premieres. It has also developed DanceReach, a series of educational and outreach programs that serve 30,000 people annually, as well as a scholarship program that provides tuition for youth based on financial need or talent.

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