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BalletMet Welcomes Visitors to Free Open Houses

The Dance Academy opens its doors to prospective students and parents

COLUMBUS, OH—As the summer sun sizzles, step inside the BalletMet studios for a cool experience. This July, dance students and parents are invited to **BalletMet Dance Academy Open Houses** at the BalletMet Dance Centre in downtown Columbus and at the Academy's satellite location in Gahanna. Both events are free, offer free parking and are open to the public. The Academy Open Houses are **July 28, 6:30-8pm**, at the downtown Dance Centre, 322 Mt. Vernon Ave., and **July 29, 5-8pm**, at Gahanna's Vista Plaza, 1141 N. Hamilton Road.

The Open Houses provide an opportunity for current and prospective students and parents to tour the Academy studios, observe and sample classes, meet Academy faculty and register for fall classes, which begin Aug. 31. Subscription packages for the professional company performances will be available for purchase. As an added bonus, every family who registers at either Open House will be entered to **win a Staycation**, including a night's stay in downtown Columbus, a gift card to Cameron Mitchell restaurants and two tickets to the company's season opening production, *Swan Lake*.

Fall classes at the BalletMet Dance Academy are available for ages 3 to adult. Class offerings include creative movement, ballet, tap, modern, Pilates, ballroom and more. Season subscribers receive a 10 percent discount on all classes. Other discounts are offered for multiple family members, college students and OhioDance members. College credit is available through Columbus State Community College.

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 at its locations in downtown Columbus and Gahanna. Classes are taught by professional faculty, many of whom have danced with companies throughout the world.

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ABOUT BALLETMET COLUMBUS

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 147 company premieres to its repertoire and produced 122 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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