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BalletMet Dance Academy Hosts Two Open Houses

The BalletMet Dance Academy opens its doors to welcome prospective students

COLUMBUS, OH—Dance students and parents have two opportunities this summer to check out the BalletMet Dance Academy with Open Houses at the BalletMet Dance Centre in downtown Columbus and at the Academy's new satellite location in the Gahanna/New Albany area. Admission is free.

The Open House at the BalletMet Dance Centre, 322 Mount Vernon Avenue, is **Tuesday, July 24, 6:30-8pm**. The Open House at the satellite location, Gahanna's Vista Plaza, 1141 North Hamilton Road, is **Tuesday, August 28, 5:30-8pm**.

BalletMet's annual Open House provides a special opportunity for current and prospective students and parents to tour the BalletMet studios, observe and sample classes, try on BalletMet Company costumes, meet Academy faculty and BalletMet Company members and register for fall classes.

Information on BalletMet Education and Community Programs and the BalletMet Parent Association will be on hand. Member/Subscriber packages for the professional Company performances and single tickets and Passports for the season opening *30x30*, August 6-26, will be available for purchase.

Fall classes at the BalletMet Dance Centre begin August 29 and are available for ages 4 to adult. Class offerings include ballet, tap, modern, Pilates, ballroom and more. BalletMet's new site in Gahanna will offer classes for children and adults including creative movement, ballet, jazz, modern and more. Exclusive to the Gahanna location 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. Classes at the Gahanna location begin September 10.

BalletMet 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 1,100 students of all ages. Classes are taught by professional faculty, many of whom have danced with companies throughout the world. Special tracks include the classically based Pre-Professional Program and YouthMet, a student dance ensemble.

With an annual budget of \$5 million, BalletMet Columbus 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 102 company premieres to its repertoire and produced 79 world premieres. It has also developed DanceReach, a series of educational and outreach programs that serve 40,000 people annually, as well as a Community Outreach Scholarship program that provides full tuition for talented minority and underserved youth.

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