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Columbus Public Teachers Study Arts Integration

Summer Teacher Arts Institute shows one size does not fit all in the classroom

COLUMBUS, OH—Teachers will take a lesson from arts organizations in the **Summer Teacher Arts Institute August 7-10**, sponsored through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. BalletMet Columbus, Opera Columbus, Jazz Arts Group and the Greater Columbus Arts Council are hosting the Institute, a partnership with the Columbus Public Schools. The four-day workshop explores integrating the arts into the K-12 academic curriculum through differentiated instruction and culminates a yearlong program in arts integration for the participating 50 Columbus Public K-12 educators.

Participating teachers will attend BalletMet's portion of the Institute at the BalletMet Dance Centre, 322 Mount Vernon Avenue, **9am-4pm August 9**. The session will focus on process, one of five elements of differentiated instruction. In the workshop, Movement to Words: the Process of Making a Dance, participants will explore the concept of words and sequences in dance while relating it to words and sentences in writing. BalletMet's Director of Education Ambre Emory-Maier will lead the morning segment of the workshop. On the workshop day, teachers will have the opportunity to view a rehearsal for BalletMet's 30th anniversary project, *30x30*, which features 30 choreographers creating 30 new works. *30x30* runs August 6-26 at the BalletMet Performance Space.

The three-year Columbus Public Schools initiative, sponsored through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, provides professional development support to Columbus Public educators and teaching artists and aims to bolster the inclusion of the arts in curriculum. The Columbus Public School system is currently enrolling teachers/schools for the third and final year of the Program, to be held next summer. For more information, contact Linda Edgar, Unified Arts Coordinator for Columbus Public Schools, 614.365.5024.

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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