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THE SCHOOL BELL RINGS
2009 ADF SCHOOL IN SESSION JUNE 11

Dance on a Dime in 2009 and
Enhance Your ADF Experience

Durham, N.C. – The American Dance Festival (ADF) ushers in a new season with the start of the 2009 ADF School on Thursday, June 11. The ADF invites dance fans of all ages to Dance on a Dime and experience the excitement for themselves, with special discounts and ticket prices that make the 2009 season more accessible than ever. Join the ADF community in celebrating another season of work presented at Reynolds Industries Theater and, for the first time, the beautiful new Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC). Festival-goers may also Enhance their ADF Experience by participating in numerous activities, which complement the ADF’s world-class performances.

Students and faculty from around the globe have been coming to the ADF for 76 years to share in the modern dance tradition of collaboration and creative exploration. They are a diverse and eclectic group, ranging from students seeking an early artistic experience to those with an eye on the professional world. The Six Week School, June 11 – July 26, is a full-time program that exposes dancers of varying levels to the world of dance at one of the nation’s most revered schools. With its comprehensive program of classes, workshops, performances, and special events, the ADF offers an integrated learning experience: a full spectrum of modern dance techniques and related areas, plus the opportunity to see rehearsals, demonstrations, and performances by both established companies and the brightest emerging talent. In addition to the Six Week School, the ADF offers a Four Week School for young dancers from June 28 – July 25. The Four Week School immerses students in an intergenerational and international community of dance, providing a fun yet intensive program of study designed to meet the needs of mature students ages 12 to 16. Both schools enable students to participate in projects, seminars, jams, salons, and showings, providing multiple ways for students to connect with and present work.

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The opportunity see performances by some of the world's best modern dance companies is a crucial component of the ADF School, and the Festival is proud to share this experience with the entire community. Continuing this tradition of accessibility, the ADF invites Festival patrons to **Dance on a Dime** in 2009. In celebration of performances at DPAC, new \$20 tickets will be available at every DPAC performance, while subscribers receive 30% off regular-priced tickets at both venues. Subscriptions include four tickets to any ADF performance whether used for just one evening or for four different events. Flexibility, affordability, and stunning dance right here in Durham make an ADF subscription irresistible. As in years past, the ADF will continue to offer fantastic savings to groups of 10 or more, 50% off student rush tickets, and many more opportunities to see world-class dance without breaking the bank.

Patrons can **Enhance Their ADF Experience** with many of the FREE opportunities available this season. New to the ADF calendar this summer, **Pre-Performance Discussions** will take place before *every* performance (excluding Shen Wei Dance Arts), providing an insightful look at the works being presented. **Post Performance Discussions** with members of the creative team (choreographers, dancers, among others) will take place immediately following select shows and are scheduled for June 19, June 23, June 26, June 29, July 2, July 10, July 15, July 18, July 20, July 23. New York dance and theatre artist Mark Dendy will emphasize the diversity of events that take place during the Festival via an **Online Video Blog**. Entitled *May we have this CyberDance?*, the blog will highlight ADF classes, rehearsals, performances, and other events, as well as feature interviews with artists, students, and community members on various dance related topics. New videos will be posted every day on the ADF website, [www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org). Also new, **Wine Tasting Wednesdays** will accompany performances at Reynolds Industries Theater on June 24, July 1, July 15, and July 22. Friends, colleagues, and patrons are invited to gather together at 7pm to enjoy casual conversation and complimentary fine wine provided by the Hope Valley Bottle Shop before witnessing the evening's 8pm performance. A Festival hit, **ADF Tours** are informative and educational behind-the-scenes peeks at dancers being trained and work being created. ADF Tours are great for community groups, schools, and individuals. Reservations can be made by calling 919.684.6402.

*Founded in 1934 in Bennington, Vermont, the ADF remains an international magnet for choreographers, dancers, teachers, students, critics, musicians, and scholars to learn and create in a supportive environment. ADF's wide range of programs includes performances, artist services, humanities projects, publications, community outreach, educational programs and classes, archives, media projects, and national and international projects. ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for 76 years. [www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org)*

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