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## 2010 AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL SCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

**Durham, N.C.** – The American Dance Festival (ADF) is now accepting applications for the 2010 ADF School, to be held from June 10 – July 25. The ADF School occurs in tandem with the Festival’s performance season and takes place on the campus of Duke University in Durham, NC. Applications are currently available **online** at [www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org).

Year after year, students and faculty come to the ADF to share in the modern dance tradition of collaboration and creative exploration. The staff, faculty, and students are a diverse and eclectic group, ranging from students seeking an early artistic experience to those with an eye on the professional world. Comprised of over 400 students and 50 faculty from around the world, the ADF School trains the next generation of dance artists in one of the most innovative and challenging environments for summer dance study. “The ADF School provides the time and space for dance to happen in all its multiplicities. From studios and rehearsals, to performances and informal showings—the community of dance that forms around the ADF School is like no other,” said ADF Dean Donna Faye Burchfield.

The **Six Week School** offers over 40 classes per day, including modern and ballet technique, composition, improvisation, repertory, contemporary African, digital media, yoga, Pilates, voice and gesture, and music in addition to performance opportunities, informal showings, and dance seminars. Within the Six Week School, the WFSS curriculum—presented on Wednesdays, Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays—offers additional ways for students to expand and deepen their interests. “I encourage my students to come to the ADF because I know they will have life-changing experiences that will shape their future and influence their thinking bodies, their moving bodies, and the artistic journey ahead of them,” said longtime ADF faculty member Gerri Houlihan.

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Designed for students ages 12 –16, the **Four Week School** for Young Dancers offers core classes in modern and ballet technique, African dance styles, composition, improvisation, and repertory. Students are also exposed to different styles, such as hip-hop and tap. The program focuses on strengthening dance technique and fostering individual creativity for the emerging dancer. “The ADF has opened my mind to a whole new aspect of dance. It was a great experience that I really enjoyed and will always remember for the rest of my life,” lauds ADF School student Frankie Peterson. The 2010 Four Week School will occur June 27 – July 24.

The ADF also offers a program for individuals who already have a career in dance. **Dance Professionals Workshop** participants are invited to choose one of the available weeks to attend the Festival. Participants design their course schedules from the Six Week School curriculum. They can take classes, observe faculty and students from around the globe, view performances, and meet informally with faculty and members of the ADF community. This unique program allows participants to personalize their ADF experience according to their professional needs and interests.

ADF School scholarship auditions will occur in the following cities over the next three months. Please visit [www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org) for additional scholarship information.

New York, NY  
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San Francisco, CA  
Natchitoches, LA  
Durham, NC

Performances during the ADF’s 77<sup>th</sup> season will be presented at the Durham Performing Arts Center and Duke University’s Reynolds Industries Theater from June 10 – July 25, 2010. For detailed information about the 2010 Festival, community programs, and ticketing, please visit [www.americandancefestival.org](http://www.americandancefestival.org). Individuals may learn more about the Festival by becoming a Fan on Facebook and/or Following the ADF on Twitter.

*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. The 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. The ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for over 75 years.*

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