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**2011 AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
AUDITION TOUR TO TAKE PLACE ACROSS THE NATION**

Durham, NC, February 8, 2011– Beginning on March 8, 2011 the **American Dance Festival (ADF)** will embark on its annual nationwide tour, visiting 13 cities to audition students who plan to apply for the **2011 ADF Six Week School (6WS) tuition scholarships**. The ADF School will coincide with the Festival’s 78th season, from June 9th – July 23rd in Durham, North Carolina. Applications for the ADF School are currently available online at www.americandancefestival.org.

Acclaimed by the *Wall Street Journal* as “Artistically the most important gathering of modern dance professionals and students in America,” each summer the ADF School provides the world’s leading professional training programs for students, choreographers, and teachers. The School invites students of all levels to participate in the creative laboratory that takes place each summer, learning from outstanding faculty, musicians, and scholars. Former ADF scholarship students have gone on to dance with major companies such as Paul Taylor Dance Company, Pilobolus Dance Theater, Mark Morris Dance Group, Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, Shen Wei Dance Arts, and Inbal Pinto & Avshalom Pollak Dance Company, among many others.

Audition classes will be taught by ADF Co-Deans Gerri Houlihan and Dr. James Frazier, as well as distinguished ADF faculty and alumni, including Pamela Pietro, Michelle Gibson, Brenda Daniels, and Jennifer Nugent. Tuition scholarships are offered to promising students who have a high level of technical ability and creative potential, and who have experience in either performing or choreographing. The awards are based on both ability and financial need. In 2010, 52% of ADF School students were offered tuition scholarships. Award amounts range from \$200 to full tuition (\$1,975), and do not cover room/board fees, living expenses, or transportation to the ADF.

Students should bring the following to each audition:

1. Completed Six Week School application with the accompanying \$40 application fee.
2. A minute and a half solo (choreographed or improvised)
3. Copy of the students’ or the students’ parents’ 2010 Tax Form 1040 (the first page only)

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Auditions are currently scheduled for the cities listed below. Please visit www.americandancefestival.org for additional information.

Tallahassee, FL
 March 8, Time TBA
 Florida State University

Elon, NC
 March 26, 10:45am-12:15pm
 Elon University

Allentown, PA
 March 12, 4:30-6:30pm
 Muhlenberg College

Long Beach, CA
 March 26, 4:45-6:45pm
 California State University- Long Beach

Keene, NH
 March 12, Time TBA
 Keene State College

San Francisco, CA
 March 27, Time TBA
 Location TBA

Akron, OH
 March 17, 10:45am-12:15pm
 The University of Akron

Durham, NC
 April 3, 12:00-2:00pm
 Duke University

Moscow, ID
 March 19, 8:15-10:15am
 University of Idaho

New York, NY
 April 3, Time TBA
 Location TBA

Northfield, MN
 March 22, 3:00-5:00pm
 St. Olaf College

Wichita, KA
 Date TBA, Time TBA
 Wichita State University

La Cruces, NM
 March 24, Time TBA
 New Mexico State University

All audition dates are subject to change. Please check the ADF website before the audition for the most up-to-date information.

Students unable to attend an audition may submit a DVD containing two minutes of technique and a one-and-a-half minute solo along with their application package. The deadline for DVD submission is March 18, 2011.

The ADF offers financial assistance to a limited number of students in the form of scholarships, assistantships, and apprenticeships. All recipients assist with operational and administrative work at the Festival. Students dependent on financial assistance to attend the ADF School are urged to apply early and to call the School office for advice on how to cut costs. Financial assistance is available for 6WS students only. The deadline for all financial assistance applications is April 1. Notification of all awards will be made after April 15.

About ADF:

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 77 years. www.americandancefestival.org.

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