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2012 AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL EMBARKS ON NATIONWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION TOUR

Durham, NC, December 20, 2011– The American Dance Festival (ADF) will kick off the new year with its annual scholarship audition tour, visiting 16 cities to discover the countries brightest and most talented dancers for the 2012 ADF Six Week School (6WS) tuition scholarships. Each summer the ADF School provides the world’s leading professional training programs for dancers, choreographers, and teachers. The ADF School coincides with the Festival’s 79th season, from June 14 - July 28 in Durham, North Carolina. Applications for the ADF School are currently available online at www.americandancefestival.org.

In the past five years, over \$321,000 have been given in tuition scholarships to over 750 Six Week School students to further their investigation, passion, and dedication to the art form. Nancy Pittman, a 2010 scholarship recipient remarked, “Had it not been for the availability of an ADF scholarship that covered my full tuition, I would have missed an opportunity to achieve a dream and lost priceless information that has informed me as an artist and as a human being.”

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, Martha Clarke, Doug Varone and Dancers, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, EVI-DENCE/Ronald K. Brown, and Shen Wei Dance Arts, 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.

Each student 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 student’s or the student’s parents’ 2011 Tax Form 1040 (the first page only)

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

New York, NY
January 3, 9:00-11:00am
The Ailey School

Sale Lake City, UT
March 16, 8:00-10:15am
University of Utah

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New London, CT
February 10, 4:15-5:45pm
Connecticut College

Springfield, MO
March 23, 3:00-5:00pm
Missouri State University

Miami, FL
February 25, 5:00-7:00pm
Adrienne Arsht Center

Carson, CA
March 26, 4:45-6:45pm
California State University, Dominguez Hills

Laredo, TX
March 1, 2:30-4:30pm
Texas A&M International University

Austin, TX
March 31, 10:00am-12:00pm
University of Texas at Austin

Harrisonburg, VA
March 3, Time TBA
James Madison University

Madison, WI
March 31, 5:00-7:00pm
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Seattle, WA
March 4, 10:00am-1:00pm
Cornish College of the Arts

Albany, GA
April 1, Time TBA
Darton College

University Park, PA
Date TBA, Time TBA
Penn State University

Durham, NC
April 1, Time TBA
Duke University

La Allendale, MI
March 9, 10:00am-12:00pm
Grand Valley State University

New York, NY
April 1, Time TBA
Location TBA

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 23, 2012.

Financial assistance is 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 2011, 54% of ADF School students were offered tuition scholarships. Award amounts range from \$200 to full tuition (\$1,990), and do not cover room/board fees, living expenses, or transportation to the ADF.

The ADF offers financial assistance to a limited number of students in the form of scholarships, assistantships, and apprenticeships. 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.