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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL TO HOLD SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS IN SIXTEEN CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

**Durham, NC, February 5, 2015**—The American Dance Festival (ADF) will embark on a sixteen-city tour to audition the country’s most talented dance students for the 2015 ADF Six Week School (6WS) and Three Week School (3WS). Acclaimed by the *Wall Street Journal* as “Artistically the most important gathering of modern dance professionals and students in America,” the ADF school provides the world’s leading professional training programs for students, choreographers, and teachers. The 2015 ADF 6WS, directed by ADF Dean Gerri Houlihan and ADF Associate Dean Leah Cox, coincides with **ADF’s 82nd season held from June 11-July 25 in Durham, North Carolina**. Applications for the school are currently available online at [americandancefestival.org](http://americandancefestival.org).

Tuition scholarships are offered to promising students who demonstrate a high level of technical and creative ability or potential, as well as financial need. **In 2014, 49% of students attended on ADF scholarships.** Scholarship amounts range from \$200 to full tuition. “By providing scholarships each year to talented and deserving dancers from around the world, we are helping support the future of modern dance. The hard work and talent of these young artists, year after year, is awe-inspiring,” said ADF Director Jodee Nimerichter.

2015 ADF 6WS faculty include Brenda Daniels, Beth Gill, Ishmael Houston-Jones, Jennifer Nugent, Pamela Pietro, James Sutton, Andrea Weber, and Jesse Zaritt, among others. Notable scholarship alumni include Hope Boykin, Trisha Brown, Steve Paxton, Paul Taylor, and Shen Wei, and many former scholarship students have gone on to have successful careers with renowned companies such as Paul Taylor Dance Company, Pilobolus, Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Ronald K. Brown/EVIDENCE, and Shen Wei Dance Arts, among others.

Students should bring the following to the audition:

1. Completed 6WS application with the accompanying \$40 application fee
2. A one-minute solo (choreographed or improvised)
3. Copy of the student’s or the student’s parents’ 2014 Tax Form 1040 (the first page only)

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Six Week School auditions are currently scheduled for the cities listed below.

Anderson, IN  
February 20, 3:00-5:00pm  
Anderson University

Miami, FL  
February 28, 1:00-4:00pm  
The Adrienne Arsht Center for the  
Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County  
Peacock Foundation Studio

Athens, OH  
March 2, 12:30-2:30pm  
Ohio University

Towson, MD  
March 6, 4:0-6:00pm  
Towson University

Clarksville, TN  
March 9, 8:00-10:00am  
Austin Peay State University

Ames, IA  
March 13, 2:00-4:00pm  
Iowa State University

Providence, RI  
March 14, 9:00-11:00am  
Rhode Island College

West Chester, PA  
March 14, 9:45-11:15am  
West Chester University

New York, NY  
March 14, 11:00am-2:00pm  
Gibney Dance, Studio H Theater  
280 Broadway

Durham, NC  
March 15, 9:00am-12:00pm  
ADF's Samuel H. Scripps Studios

Greeley, CO  
March 18, 2:45-4:45pm  
University of Northern Colorado

Milledgeville, GA  
March 19, 1:15-3:30pm  
Georgia College

Lubbock, TX  
March 21, Time TBA  
Texas Tech University

Long Beach, CA  
March 21, 3:30-5:30pm  
Cal State University Long Beach

Girardeau, MO  
March 22, Time TBA  
Southeastern Missouri State University

**Three Week School auditions** will be held in **Brooklyn, NY** on **February 28** at the Brooklyn Arts Exchange and **Durham, NC** at the Samuel H. Scripps Studios on **March 15**.

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 or online video link containing two minutes of technique and a one-minute solo along with their application package. The deadline for video submissions is April 1, 2015.

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All scholarship recipients assist with operational and administrative work at the festival. Tuition scholarship students are responsible for their room and board fees and living expenses during the six weeks. 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. **The deadline for all financial assistance applications is April 1.** Notification of all awards will be made after April 17.

### **About ADF:**

*Founded in 1934 in Bennington, Vermont, 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, educational programs and classes, community outreach, national and international projects, archives, humanities projects, publications, and media projects. ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for 82 years. [americandancefestival.org](http://americandancefestival.org)*

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