



Ballet Austin's 5th Annual "Come Dance! 2011" Celebration
Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Hula, Modern, Tap, and more
Free, Open Classes for All Ages, Skill-levels

WHO: Ballet Austin's Butler Community School
WHAT: "Come Dance! 2011" Celebration: A Day of FREE Dance Classes
WHEN: Sunday, August 28, 2011 from 2 - 6 p.m.
WHERE: Ballet Austin's Butler Dance Education Center
501 West Third Street (at San Antonio Street)
AGES: Adults and children ages 8 and up
ADMISSION: FREE for all (no registration required)

AUSTIN, Texas— Sunday, August 28th Ballet Austin invites Central Texans to celebrate a day of free dance classes at the Butler Community School (BCS). Dance classes in a variety of styles are offered to anyone wanting to get out and dance! The annual Come Dance! event celebrates the 4th anniversary of the opening of Ballet Austin's downtown Butler Dance Education Center.

William Piner, Director of Schools, says, "Each fall, Come Dance! encourages Central Texans to get fit and have fun by inviting everyone from greater Austin to come downtown and enjoy a sampling of classes offered daily at the BCS."

Piner continues, "While we are proud of the long traditions of our excellent professional Company and Academy—the Butler Community School is about offering high quality classes to our community in an open and inviting atmosphere. The BCS is a place where anyone who wants to dance has a place to do just that...dance!"

The vibrant and active Butler Dance Education Center and Community School, which opened in 2007, was conceived as a hub for movement where people of any age or skill level are encouraged to pursue life-long health and fitness.

Last year more than 1,000 attendees enjoyed the free event. This year's Come Dance! 2011 promises to be another success as Ballet Austin opens its training, and performance seasons.

FREE Come Dance! 2011 Classes include:

- **Kids:** Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, Song & Dance, Tap
- **Adult/Teen:** Ballet, Ballet Fit, Broadway Jazz, Broadway Fit, Contemporary Jazz, Classic Jazz, Hip Hop, Hula, Jazz Funk, Modern, Tap, and more.

Butler Community School (BCS) classes are offered seven days a week with dance styles ranging from jazz, hip hop, hula, an award-winning Pilates Center, dance fitness, and more.



With over 3,000 students of all ages taking classes at the Butler Dance Education Center facility in the last 12 months alone, Ballet Austin's open class community school and ballet academy comprises one of the largest dance training centers in the U.S. associated with a professional ballet company.

About Ballet Austin

As distinctive and dynamic as the city it calls home, Ballet Austin welcomes audiences near and far to participate in its "classically innovative" vision for the democratization of dance. With a rich history spanning five decades, acclaimed productions, a commitment to creating access to programs and one of the nation's largest classical ballet academies, the organization is poised for an even greater future. From their new home at the Butler Dance Education Center & Community School in downtown Austin, Ballet Austin and artistic director Stephen Mills actively engage the community, dancers, and audiences alike. *The New York Times* proclaims Ballet Austin "a company with big ambitions" originating work that is "absorbing."

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