



**Ballet Austin Invites Community to 3rd Annual Day of Dance
FREE "Come Dance! 2009" Celebrating Anniversary
of the Butler Community School**

Experience Freely: 4 hours of open classes (ballet, modern, jazz, hip hop, hula, et al) throughout the building | demos in the Pilates studio | contests | MORE!

WHO: Ballet Austin
WHAT: "Come Dance! 2009" Celebration
A Day of FREE Dance Classes
WHEN: Sunday, September 13, 2006 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
WHERE: Ballet Austin's Butler Dance Education Center
501 West Third Street (at San Antonio Street)
AGES: 3 and up
ADMISSION: FREE

AUSTIN, TX - Ballet Austin once again invites the entire Central Texas community to kick up its heels and celebrate a day of FREE dance/movement classes in the heart of the 2nd Street District. Two years ago, over 2,500 people attended Ballet Austin's Grand Opening Celebration to reveal the new facility that houses Ballet Austin's Butler Community School, Academy, and professional company along with the artistic and administrative staff. This year, on September 13th from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm, Ballet Austin celebrates the second birthday of the Butler Dance Education Center and Butler Community School with "Come Dance! 2009."

This annual community celebration welcomes all to enjoy a day of FREE dance, movement, and health. "Come Dance! 2009" festivities include a variety of FREE dance classes; Pilates; yoga; special activities; and ticketed performances of *Peter and the Wolf* – see below for details.

The Butler Community School, which opened in 2007, was conceived as a hub for movement where everyone is encouraged to pursue a life of health and fitness. Through classes that include Pilates, yoga, dance fitness, and open dance ranging from ballroom to jazz and hula to hip hop, The Butler Community School promotes recreational dance and life long fitness for people of any age or skill level.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- FREE entry to everyone
- Dance classes and demonstrations in various studios: participation is encouraged
- Yoga and exercise classes
- Pilates demonstrations
- Creative movement activities for kids, adults, and families
- Smoothie samples provided by Fruits



- Box Office open for season and production ticket sales
- Giveaways and prizes
- Ballet Austin and Butler Community School merchandise on sale

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND DEMONSTRATIONS: September 13, 2009

2:00 – 3:00 pm: Hula, Broadway Jazz, Creative Movement, Kids in Motion, Ballet Fit Basic, Vinyasa Flow Yoga, Pilates Studio Tour

3:00 – 4:00 pm: Theatre Dance, Ballet Fit, Pre-Ballet, Kids Hip Hop, Teen/Adult Beginning Ballet, Pilates Mat, Pilates Studio Tour

4:00 – 5:00 pm: Teen/Adult Ballet, West Coast Jazz, Creative Movement, Broadway Fit, Arms & Abs, Pilates Studio Tour

5:00 – 6:00: Teen/Adult Hip Hop, Contemporary/Modern, Pre-Ballet, Street Jazz, Tap, Pilates Mat, Pilates Studio Tour

Opening Weekend of *Peter and the Wolf*—During Come Dance! 2009

At 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm, Ballet Austin II will present performances of *Peter and the Wolf* in the AustinVentures StudioTheater for a \$14 ticket ticket. Children of all ages through an interactive balletic version of this Russian fairy tale. Join as the youngest members of our audience help Peter and his animal friends triumph over the danger in his own back yard. With humor, narration, and each principal character having its own costume and music instrument, young audiences are certain to follow this exciting tale.

BALLET AUSTIN'S 2009/10 SEASON

Sep. 12-20, 2009: Ballet Austin II's *Peter and the Wolf* at the AustinVentures StudioTheater

Oct. 2-4, 2009: Season Opener feat. *Swan Lake* (Act II) and *The Firebird* at the Long Center

Dec. 5-23, 2009: 47th Annual Production of *The Nutcracker* at the Long Center

Feb. 12-14, 2010: *The Bach Project* at the Long Center

Mar. 25-Apr 4, 2010: *New American Talent/Dance* at the AustinVentures StudioTheater

May 7-9, 2010: *Coppélia* at the Long Center

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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