



Ballet Austin Academy Open for Fall Registration

August 20 Placement Class Is Required for New Students, Ages 8 and Older With Previous Dance Experience

WHO: Ballet Austin Academy
WHAT: **Placement Class For New Students Level 1 and Above**
WHEN: Saturday, August 20, 2011
WHERE: Ballet Austin's Butler Dance Education Center
501 West Third Street (at San Antonio Street)
AGES: Children ages 8 and older for Level 1 placement and higher

Austin, TX — August 12, 2011 — Registration at Ballet Austin Academy is in full swing for the 2011/12 school year, beginning August 29, 2011. For students as young as 3 years old, Ballet Austin Academy provides a structured, curriculum-based dance instruction. Beginning at age 8, students with previous dance experience who are enrolling in the Academy are required to attend a placement class. This year's first placement class will be held at Ballet Austin's Butler Dance Education Center, 501 West Third Street, on **August 20, 2011** at the following times:

Ages 8-12 | 2-3:30pm

Ages 13 and older | 3:30-5pm

Note: Please arrive 30 minutes early for check-in

At **age 8**, students may join Level 1 of the Academy's [Lower School](#), marking their first step to professional ballet training. Students in Levels 1-8 have the opportunity to be cast in Ballet Austin's annual production of *The Nutcracker*. Approximately 200 Academy students are cast in *The Nutcracker* each year, which is in its 49th year. Additionally, students may be selected by the artistic staff to perform with Ballet Austin or Ballet Austin II in other full-length productions throughout the year.

Children under 8 years old have the following opportunities to become a part of Ballet Austin Academy as well, with no placement class necessary:

[Creative Movement](#) classes, designed for children **ages 3-5**, take the approach of "creative play" and are designed to hone motor skills, while educating children on movement. Classes meet once a week and offer "movement stories and ballet-based activities" appropriate for both boys and girls.

Ballet Austin Academy's [Pre-Ballet](#) program, open to children **ages 5-7**, is more structured than creative movement, and serves as a transition between Creative Movement and when formal training begins at **age 8**, in Level 1.

At all levels, the faculty of Ballet Austin Academy place high emphasis on curriculum and age-appropriate teaching. The focus is on upholding excellence and professionalism by providing quality dance instruction at the youngest age possible. Ballet Austin Academy is a nationally recognized Academy with more than 800 students, making it one of the largest ballet schools in the United States.

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For more information about Level 1 and above classes, or to enroll your child in Creative Movement or Pre-Ballet, please check the [Ballet Austin Academy's](#) website for details, including new student registration forms.

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 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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