



## **Ballet Austin's 4th Annual "Come Dance! 2010" Celebration**

**See and Dance in the Downtown Center's new 8<sup>th</sup> Studio  
Dance Fitness, Broadway, Jazz , Hula, Yoga, Hip Hop, Zumba, and more  
Choose from 35+ Free, Open Classes for All Ages, Skill-levels**

- WHO:** Ballet Austin's Butler Community School  
**WHAT:** "Come Dance! 2010" Celebration: A Day of FREE Classes and the Opening of a New Studio Space  
**WHEN:** Sunday, September 12 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 3 and up  
**ADMISSION:** FREE for all

AUSTIN, Texas— Ballet Austin invites central Texans to celebrate the third anniversary of the opening of the Butler Dance Education Center and Community School between the lively 2nd Street and Seaholm Districts by offering FREE dance, movement and fitness classes for everyone at the annual "Come Dance! 2010." The celebration will also include the opening of a new studio in direct response to growing popularity of classes.

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 a life of health and fitness. In addition to the professional company, the Ballet Austin Academy and administrative/artistic activities, Butler Community School (BCS) classes are offered six days a week with dance styles ranging from jazz and hula to hip hop, a full-service award-winning Pilates Center, yoga, dance fitness, and more.

The new studio—opening for the first time during the Come Dance! 2010 celebration—is a direct response to the 472% growth at the Butler Community School. The space was allocated during the initial construction in 2006 and the board decided to move forward with the new studio as the demand for classes persisted. A total of 1910 square feet have been added on the 2nd floor, bringing the Butler Dance Education Center to 36,000 square feet. This professional level studio is now the third largest studio in the Ballet Austin facility. Turner Construction Company completed construction in just over two months—as designed by The Bommarito Group.



“Come Dance! 2010” encourages Austinites to get fit and have fun by inviting the community to enjoy a sampling of the classes offered. Participants will also be treated to fresh fruit smoothies from Froots and a special free preview of the upcoming production *Not Afraid of the Dark – The Show that Glows!*®.

**“COME DANCE! 2010” CLASSES INCLUDE:**

- Ballet
- Ballet Fit
- Broadway Fit
- Conditioning
- Modern
- Hip Hop
- Hula
- Kids Classes
- Pilates
- Street Jazz
- Tap
- Theatre Dance
- Jazz
- Yoga
- Zumb®
- And more!

With over 3,500 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.

**“COME DANCE! 2010” SCHEDULE OF CLASSES AND DEMONSTRATIONS:**

- 2:00 – 3:00 pm: *Not Afraid of the Dark – The Show that Glows!*® preview performance, Zumba, Broadway Jazz, Thera-band®, Kid’s Modern dance, Ultimate Cardio Yoga, Pilates Studio Tour
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm: *Not Afraid of the Dark – The Show that Glows!*® preview performance, Theatre Dance, Ballet Fit, Below the Belt, Kid’s Beginning Ballet, Jazz Funk, Hula, Pilates Mat
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm: *Not Afraid of the Dark – The Show that Glows!*® preview performance, Contemporary Jazz, Zumba, Pilates Cardio, Kids in

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Motion, Broadway Fit, Arms & Abs, Vinyasa Flow Yoga, Pilates  
Studio Tour

5:00 – 6:00 pm: *Not Afraid of the Dark – The Show that Glows!®* preview  
performance, Hip Hop, Modern, Body Stretch, Kid's Hip Hop,  
Teen/Adult Ballet, Tap, Feldenkrais®, Pilates Studio Tour

## **BALLET AUSTIN'S 2010/11 SEASON** (\*schedule subject to change)

Sep. 18-19, 2010: Ballet Austin II's *Not Afraid of the Dark – The Show that  
Glows!®* at the Paramount Theatre  
Sep. 24-26, 2010: Season Opener featuring *Carmina Burana* and *Kai* at the Long  
Center for the Performing Arts  
Dec. 4-23, 2010: 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Production of *The Nutcracker* at the Long Center  
for the Performing Arts  
Feb. 11-13, 2011: *La Sylphide* at the Long Center for the Performing Arts  
Mar 25-Apr 3, 2011: *Studio Theater Project* at the AustinVentures StudioTheater  
May 6-8, 2011: *The Magic Flute* at the Long Center for the Performing Arts

## **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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