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FESTIVAL BALLET PROVIDENCE ANNOUNCES 2015 SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE PROGRAMS AND NATIONAL AUDITION TOUR

Festival Ballet Providence (FBP), Rhode Island's premier professional ballet company and school, announces its Summer Dance Intensive (SDI) 2015 programs and National Audition Tour. Two programs for advanced and intermediate ballet students ages 9 through pre-professional will take place from July 6 - August 14, 2015.

"We accept around 110 promising young dancers to spend the summer in Providence, Rhode Island, a city brimming with art and creativity. The students will train under the guidance of our exceptional year-round and guest faculty," says Marissa Parmenter, SDI Director. Ms. Parmenter will be joined in leading SDI 2015 by Associate Director Ty Parmenter, FBP School Director Mary Ann Mayer, and FBP Artistic Director Mihailo Djuric. The team will travel throughout the Northeast and Midwest on a nine-city audition tour (details below), looking for talented young dancers.

FBP Artistic Director Misha Djuric will select company trainees for the 2015/2016 season exclusively from SDI 2015 students. "Our summer programs are often an entry-point for advanced students, eager to join the ranks of FBP's talented professional company," Mr. Djuric said. "Last season I selected two trainees from SDI and I look forward to who we will find this year."

Festival Ballet Providence, currently in its 37th season, is a powerhouse in the New England dance community, with a resident company of 27 professional dancers and a school surpassing 300 in enrollment annually. SDI 2015 offers performance opportunities, and a diverse and challenging curriculum. SDI 2015 programs are:

Senior Intensive: July 6 - August 1; Ages 13 - pre-professional

The Senior Intensive is for serious pre-professional ballet students looking to develop their technique in a comprehensive 4 week training program. The faculty includes current and former FBP Company Dancers in addition to nationally and internationally recognized guest teachers. The program's diverse curriculum is enhanced with performance opportunities and enriching field trips to enhance their education. Housing is available at Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) dormitories.

Junior Intensive: August 3 - August 14th; Ages 9 - 13

The Junior Intensive is for serious ballet students 9 - 13 years old with a minimum of 2 years of training. It is designed for students who wish to develop a stronger technical base in an artistically supportive and developmentally appropriate environment. Guided by School Director Mary Ann Mayer and FBP faculty, students are challenged to enhance their previously established dance training in a fun and nurturing setting. Housing is arranged with host families.

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National Audition Tour
Sponsored by MotionWear

Rochester City Ballet 1326 University Ave. Rochester, NY	January 11 10:00 - 11:30am Class (<i>Hosted by Benjamin Rabe</i>)
St. Paul's School 325 Pleasant St. Concord, NH 03301	January 11 10:30 - 12:00 Class
Festival Ballet Providence 825 Hope St. Providence, RI 02906	January 18 Sr. Program/Company 12:30 - 2:00 Class* Jr. Program 10:30 - 12:00pm
Turning Point Dance Studio 509 Thomas Landers Rd. E. Falmouth, MA 02536	January 18 10:30 - 12:00pm Class
Walnut Hill School of the Arts 12 Highland St. Natick, MA 01760	January 25 10:30 - 12:00 Class
NorthPointe Dance Academy 500 Orange Point Dr. Lewis Center OH 43035	February 1 10:30- 12:00pm Class (<i>Hosted by Zoica Tovar</i>)
Peridance Capezio Center 126 E. 13th St. New York, NY 10003	February 22 Sr. Program/Company 10:30 - 12:00pm Class*
Philadelphia Dance Theatre 8702 Crispin St. Philadelphia, PA 19136	March 1 10:30 - 12:00 Class
Hartt School Community Division 540 Hopmeadow St. Simsbury, CT 06070	March 8 10:30 - 12:00 Class

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825 Hope St.
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March 15

Sr. Program/Company 12:30 - 2:00 Class*
Jr. Program 10:30 - 12:00pm

All dancers attending our auditions should bring resume, headshot and photo is first arabesque. There is a \$20 audition registration fee but you can pre-register online through our website for \$15. Please visit www.festivalballet.com for more information and connect with SDI on Facebook for up-to-date news regarding the audition tour and program details.