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New Tampa Ballet Studio Trains Pre-Professional Dancers for Broadway and Beyond

Auditions for America's Ballet School's Nutcracker performance open to all classical ballet dancers this weekend

Tampa, Fla. (August XX, 2010) – This year eight classical ballet students from Tampa have been invited to attend some of the most prestigious professional ballet companies and universities around the world because of their skill and precision. James Applewhite from Blake High School South Tampa recently attended the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School at American Ballet Theatre on scholarship. This summer Brandon Carpio was invited to Broadway, New York City to audition for the leading role in Billy Elliot. (insert one more example) All of these dancers were trained at an unassuming dance studio nestled in a corner plaza off of Amberly Drive known as America's Ballet School. It is here that Tampa dancers are preparing for their careers in classical ballet.

The school routinely earns prestigious awards. For three years in a row America's Ballet School has been given the "Outstanding School Award" at the annual Youth American Grand Prix, the world's largest student ballet competition. In Spring of 2010, five of their students placed within the top three of their division and eight within the top twelve.

And now, students from various ballet schools throughout Florida are invited to audition to perform in the America's Ballet School production of the Nutcracker to be held December 11-12, 2010 at USF. Auditions are being held Saturday, August 14 and Saturday, August 28; appointments are being scheduled now. Young dancers (age 5 and 6) are also being recruited to appear on stage and no prior dance experience is necessary.

“I believe that classical ballet is the fundamental root of all types of dance. It requires great discipline, patience and determination.” says Paula Nunez, Artistic Director and founder of America’s Ballet School who is a former Prima Ballerina who has performed internationally. “Auditions are an exciting time because new talent surfaces and students often discover their love for the art.”

Paula is an internationally acclaimed dancer herself and has danced worldwide for over thirty years. She is now right here in Tampa’s backyard producing world class ballet performances and talent. America’s Ballet School remains Tampa’s hidden gem for serious dancers looking to train for their future careers.

Other upcoming events include:

- Fall Semester enrollment at America’s Ballet School begins August 24
- Fall Semester classes begin August 30
- Youth America Grand Prix Ballet Competition hosted in Tampa October 21-24, 2010

ABOUT AMERICA’S BALLET SCHOOL

America's Ballet School is where serious-minded dancers learn ballet. For nearly 20 years, Paula Nunez, founder and internationally acclaimed dancer, has produced professional dancers who now perform with such distinguished ballet companies as the Boston American Ballet Theatre, Miami City Ballet, Alonzo King LINES Ballet of San Francisco, School of American Ballet of New York City, and Julliard.

America’s Ballet School has been the recipient of the coveted “Outstanding School” award three years in a row by the Youth American Grand Prix, the world’s largest student ballet competition. The school works with children from the age of three to young adults, teaching them the important fundamentals of dance from day one. America’s Ballet School’s students are consistently recognized as highly trained and accomplished dancers who win competitions, awards and dance scholarships throughout the United States.

To schedule an audition to attend America's Ballet School or for more information, please visit <http://www.americasballet.com> or call 813-558-0800.