



North Carolina Dance Institute Students & Parents,

Welcome back to NCDI! We look forward to having you dance with us for the 2010-2011 dance year which begins August 2nd. We would like to give a few updates on our studio, alumni, teachers and our upcoming performances. We're very proud of our reputation, the success of our former students, and the involvement in the community of our teachers. NCDI was awarded Metro Magazine's 2010 METROBRAVO AWARD for Best Dance Studio. What an honor! This summer, 75 of our talented dancers performed in the Summer Showcase. We do have DVD's of the performance, if you missed the show. It was an awesome night of dancing! Several of our students attended the Rock School for intensive ballet training. Hillary Aarons attended the Summer Theatre Program at Yale University. Maggie Mial, Adam Stern, and Mary Mattison Vallery attended Broadway Theatre Project. NCDI news, upcoming auditions, performances can be found on our website at www.ncdanceinstitute.com.

Congratulations to our NCDI alumni who have continued to pursue their passions for dance. Grady Bowman was featured in the January 2009 Dance Magazine. He is currently performing in "*Billy Elliot*", his third Broadway show! Ashley Lindsey is performing with the Limon Company. Robert Hartwell is touring in the National Tour of "*Dreamgirls*" which is slated for Broadway in 2010. Lindsey Mathies trained in San Francisco with Alonzo King LINES and is performing with the Northwest Professional Dance Project in Portland. Courtney Crumpler is attending Princeton University and dancing with Camille Brown's new work. Maggie Mail is attending Elon College. Bree Branker was featured in Dance Spirit. All of these NCDI Alumni trained at The University of North Carolina School of the Arts. As a graduate of UNCSA, I know students receive the very best dance training in the country. For parents looking to their child's future training, UNCSA offers free tuition for NC residents (www.uncarts.edu). In 2010, I was appointed by Chancellor John Mauceri as an honorary member of the Board of Trustees for the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. Our teachers are busy in the community dancing and choreographing. Brooks Owens is performing with Code F.A.D. and spending the summer in NYC. Aleah Ham is interning at Broadway Dance Center in NYC. Tiffany Wheeler is dancing with Footnotes Tap Ensemble. Sarah Putterman, Aleah Ham and Amanda Randall are dancing with The Dance Cure. We welcome Ms. Melody Staples to our ballet faculty and are very excited to have Mr. Tom Terry for our Tuesday and Thursday ballet classes. Tom has completed the nationally acclaimed ABT Teachers Training Program in NYC. NCDI's Ballet program continues to grow and we are very excited about our faculty and our students' development.

We thank our students and parents for choosing NCDI. After all, we are a very different choice from the market model of dance studio instruction. We do not focus on costly recitals or enter into expensive, time-consuming dance competitions. Our focus is on the development of the individual dancer through technical applications and exposure to choreography. We hope to shape dancers who are educated, creative, and technically proficient. Our classrooms are filled with young artists who are enjoying their journey in dance education. We value our NCDI students and parents who trust their arts education in our hands. For the thousands of dancers who have taken classes at NCDI over the past years, thank you for your energy. For the thousands of parents who have watched their children work hard and dance with joy, we thank you. We are now accepting new students. Please continue to spread the word about NCDI to your friends and neighbors. We look forward to an exciting future for North Carolina Dance Institute.

Thank You,
Kirstie Spadie
NCDI Artistic Director