



North Carolina Dance Institute Students & Parents,

Are we ready for spring? We would like to give you 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 won Honorable Mention in Metro Magazine's 2009 Bravo Awards for "Best Dance Studio". NCDI performed for Raleigh's Winterfest for ABC-11 and at First Night Raleigh. NCDI was featured in DANCE TEACHER MAGAZINE for alumni returning to teach at the studio, serving as an example to other students. NCDI will be performing at the Raleigh Convention Center for the American Heart Assoc. 25th Anniversary Heart Ball.

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 performed in "*Billy Elliot*", his third Broadway show! He is currently performing in "*Wonderland*." Ashley Lindsey is performing with the Limon Company. Robert Hartwell will be touring in the National Tour of "*Dreamgirls*" which is slated for Broadway in 2010. Lindsey Matheis 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 performed at Broadway Theatre Project in Florida and is attending Elon College. Bree Branker has been dancing with SYTYCD choreographer Wade Robeson for the MVA TV commercials and was featured in Dance Spirit. Emily Nicolas is apprenticing with Hubbard Street Dance Company 2 in Chicago. 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 some of the best training in the country. For parents looking to their child's future training, UNCSA offers free tuition for NC residents (www.uncarts.edu). Congratulations to our friend and NCDI parent, Lou Anne Crumpler for being selected by Governor Beverly Perdue for the Board of Trustees for the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. More NCDI news, upcoming auditions, performances and summer classes and camps can be found on our website at www.ncdanceinstitute.com.

Our teachers are busy in the community dancing and choreographing. Brooks Owens is performing with Code F.A.D. Tiffany Wheeler is dancing with Footnotes Tap Ensemble. Tracy Taylor assisted Carolina Ballet with *The Nutcracker* and setting works on Nevada Ballet. Amanda Randall is dancing with The Dance Cure. Kirstie and Freddie-Lee will be choreographing for Broughton Show Choir and leading master classes throughout the year. We are preparing for the 2010 Summer Showcase performance on June 27. Auditions will be held May 1.

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. 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