



North Carolina Dance Institute Students & Parents,

Welcome to NCDI! In 2011, we celebrate 10 years of dance at NCDI. 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! Congratulations to our many young dancers who performed in Carolina Ballet's, "Nutcracker" and Haley Evans who performed in "The Ugly Duckling". Our advanced dancers performed at the NC School of Sciences and Math Community Dance Concert. We post many pictures, videos and upcoming performances on our Facebook Group Page: NC Dance Institute. Check it out!

Congratulations to our NCDI alumni who have continued to pursue their passions for dance. Grady Bowman has moved from the Broadway company of "Billy Elliot" into his fourth Broadway show, "Wonderland". Robert Hartwell wrapped up the National Tour of "Dreamgirls" and has joined the Broadway cast of "Memphis". Emily Nicolau apprenticed with Hubbard Street 2 and was recently awarded a contract with Danish Dance Theatre in Scandinavia. Lindsey Mathies is performing with the Northwest Professional Dance Project in Portland. Bree Branker was featured in Dance Spirit and performed in "The Producers". Bree begins pre-Broadway rehearsals with the new musical, "Josephine". 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.uncsa.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. Tiffany Wheeler is dancing with Footnotes Tap Ensemble. Ronnie West will be performing in Washington, DC and in San Francisco. Sarah Putterman, and Amanda Randall are dancing with The Dance Cure. Melody Staples performed in Charleston Ballet's "The Nutcracker" as the Sugar Plum Fairy. Tom Terry 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. NCDI faculty are busy teaching master classes at Broughton, Cardinal Gibbons, Cary Academy, St. Mary's, Ligon Middle, and Enloe High School.

Our 2011 summer session runs June 13 – July 23 with summer classes and camps. We are very excited about our 2011 Summer Showcase on Saturday, June 25th, "Past, Present, Future: Celebrating 10 years of Dance". We hope to see you at the performance. Summer Registration began March 5. Summer classes and camps help to maintain great dance shape over the summer. Registration for the 2011-2012 dance year begins in May. More information about summer classes, 2011-2012 classes, news, auditions and upcoming performances on our website: www.ncdanceinstitute.com.

We thank our students and parents for choosing NCDI for the past 10 years. 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, we 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 together at North Carolina Dance Institute.

Thank you,
Kirstie Spadie
NCDI Artistic Director