

## North Carolina Dance Institute Students & Parents,

It's been a very cold winter, but we are warming up at NCDI! We would like to give a few updates on our studio, alumni, teachers and our upcoming important dates. We're very proud of our reputation, the success of our former students, and the involvement of our teachers in the community.

Congratulations to our NCDI alumni who have continued to pursue their passions for dance. Robert Hartwell will be leading a Musical Theatre Dance Intensive on Sat, Feb 22 to teach choreography from the Broadway shows *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, *Cinderella*, and *Motown*. He will be joining the national tour of *Motown* in Chicago. Bree Branker made her Broadway debut in *Big Fish*. Grady Bowman has been nominated for the Capezio Choreography Award and is in the ensemble of *Honeymoon in Vegas* starring Tony Danza. Emily Nicolaou is touring the world, dancing with the Danish Dance Theatre. The company performed in NYC at The



Joyce. Lindsey Matheis is performing with the Northwest Dance Project and producing shows in the Portland area. All of these NCDI alumni trained at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. As a graduate of UNCSA and a former honorary member of the UNCSA Board of Trustees, I know these students receive the 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](http://www.uncsa.edu)). NCDI graduates are dancing in top university dance programs such as Michigan, Princeton, Northwestern, Elon College, Arizona State University, and UNCG.

NCDI teachers are engaged within the community and beyond through dance. NCDI faculty have choreographed and taught master classes at Broughton, Enloe, Cardinal Gibbons, Cary Academy, St. Mary's, Ligon Arts Magnet, Duke University (Momentum Ensemble) and William Peace University. NCDI's ballet program continues to grow and we are excited about the development of our faculty and students. Several of our students were extra busy this past holiday season performing in Carolina Ballet's *The Nutcracker* and in Theatre in the Park's *A Christmas Carol*. Kirstie and Ronnie have directed/choreographed St. Mary's School production of *The Wiz* with performances on Fri, Feb 28 and Sat, March 1. Hope you will come see the show! Kirstie will be guest teaching for the Carolina Ballet Summer Intensive. Many of our students have been accepted into nationally recognized summer programs and at UNCSA Summer Session. Congrats to all of our talented, ambitious dancers.

Looking ahead to May, we will welcome family and friends to visit for Observation Week: May 12-24. Detailed schedules will be posted on our website. This is a fun performance opportunity for our dancers!

Our 2014 Summer Session will be held June 16 – July 26. Registration for summer classes and camps will begin in March. We have an exciting line up of new teachers and great summer intensives for the serious dancers. NCDI is the happening studio in Raleigh in the summer with many alumni returning from college to dance! We look forward to seeing yours and many new faces this summer. More information about classes, news, and upcoming performances is available on our website, [www.ncdanceinstitute.com](http://www.ncdanceinstitute.com). Stay connected by visiting our Facebook group page, [NC Dance Institute](#).

We thank our students and parents for choosing NCDI for the past 12 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 a variety of 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 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