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LOCAL DANCERS TO ATTEND RENOWNED SUMMER DANCE PROGRAMS

DANCERS FROM LOCAL STUDIO ACCEPTED INTO DISTINGUISHED SUMMER PROGRAMS

Dancers from Delaware Valley Dance Academy in Hatfield, PA were accepted into three select dance programs this summer.

Joanna Fretz, a dancer with Delaware Valley Dance Academy since they opened, will be attending American Ballet Theatre's prestigious summer program. American Ballet Theatre, based in New York City, is recognized as one of the foremost dance companies in the world today. ABT's Summer Intensive has earned a reputation for being the most thorough and rewarding dance experience a student can have during the summer. "What is so exciting about ABT's program", says Lisa Wasserman, Artistic Director of Delaware Valley Academy, "is that while the program has grown in reputation and size each year, the faculty remains dedicated to the growth of each individual student."

Hannah Wasserman, currently a junior at North Penn High School, received acceptance to attend The Pennsylvania Governors School for the Arts after a two tiered audition process. Admission to the program is very competitive. Approximately 2000 students compete for only 200 spots. Only 10 students are accepted into the jazz dance program. The aim of PGSA is to create an environment where gifted students can grow as artists. What makes this experience so unique is that the students have an experience similar to living in an artist's colony. After each day of classes, these young artists attend nightly performances and gallery shows all showcasing the talent of the PGSA students.

Katie Moore, Courtney Hunsberger, & Talya Wasserman were selected to attend the prominent Burklyn Ballet Theater summer program in Vermont. Delaware Valley Dance Academy girls were chosen from a 27 city audition tour. Burklyn Ballet Theatre is a summer intensive that models itself after a professional company. Master Teachers are chosen from around the world to bring their focus and strengths to each and every student. The dancers spend the week taking three technique classes per day and rehearsing for each Saturday's performance at the Dibden Center for the Performing Arts. Dancers get to experience every aspect of a performance from the music and choreography to the costumes and lighting. "I absolutely cannot wait until June! I'm counting down the days as it is coming closer and closer. Being in Vermont, improving

my technique with other teachers, and watching dancers from other dance companies will be a totally new experience,” says Courtney Hunsburger.

About Delaware Valley Dance Academy

Delaware Valley Dance Academy offers the finest dance training in an encouraging and professional atmosphere. Our classes are designed to take students from their first introduction to dance to a full and varied course of dance training. An emphasis is placed on proper body placement and line. We stress the importance of musicality and the joy of artistic expression. The school has an enthusiastic staff of professionally experienced teachers supplemented by visiting guest teachers. A close working partnership between student and teacher is an important aspect of our program. Whether in pursuit of a professional dance career or simply to derive the joys and physical benefits of dance class, our students will enjoy the highest quality classes in a warm and nurturing environment.

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