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LOCAL DANCERS WORK WITH DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL DANCERS

Hatfield, Pennsylvania – Dancers at Delaware Valley Dance Academy finished out their summer of inspiring dance classes with visits by notable Professional Dancers from several of the top companies across the country.

Riolama Lorenzo, a distinguished Principal Dancer with the Pennsylvania Ballet, shared her profound knowledge of classical ballet with the DVDA students. Originally from Havana, Cuba, Ms. Lorenzo was the recipient of the renowned Princess Grace Award. She then moved to New York, where she studied at the prestigious School of American Ballet and was asked to join the world renowned New York City Ballet in 1995. Ms. Lorenzo joined Pennsylvania Ballet in 2002, rising to the rank of Principal in 2005. Students at DVDA were thrilled to work with one of Pennsylvania's most cherished dancers on such an intimate level. "I can't believe I'm actually studying with my favorite dancer!" exclaimed Courtney Hunsberger of Telford.

This summer Delaware Valley Dance Academy continued its commitment to bringing a unique perspective to its student dancers, at the same time broadening their dance horizons. The academy brought in internationally renowned dancer, Ron Wood, to teach the Afro-Brazilian martial art, Capoeira. Ron Wood, aka Zen One, is the founder and artistic director of the Zen One Dance Collective, a theater based Hip Hop Company that combines dance, martial arts and music. Mr. Wood is a core member of the highly acclaimed Rennie Harris Puremovement. He frequently teaches at dance schools and universities nationally and internationally, and holds weekly Capoeira classes in Center City, Philadelphia. "We get to try different forms of dance every summer, but this was my favorite," says Joanna Fretz of Perkasié.

A lucky few, who were chosen for their dedication and hard work, got to participate in pas de deux (partnering) classes with Rick Callender, of the Jean Ruddy Dance Company in Philadelphia and Meredith Reffner of the Pennsylvania Ballet. For many of DVDA's students, this is their favorite part of the summer dance experience. "I can't wait to be lifted through the air. I feel like I'm flying," says Megan Dellar of Hatfield. As the summer winds down, the students at DVDA can easily say that they completely enjoyed the opportunity to work with such beautiful and accomplished dancers on such an intimate level.

Due to expansion of the class schedule, DVDA will be accepting new registrations now and throughout early fall. For more information contact the school at 215-822-4640 or visit them at www.delawarevalleydance.com

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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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