



Dear North Carolina Dance Institute Students and Parents,

Spring is here! NCDI is preparing our students for Parent Observation Weeks in May. See our website for your child's special day. NCDI medals and trophies will be awarded to the dancers. Please bring your cameras and video cameras. This has been a great dance year for all!

Our teachers have been busy in the community. Kirstie has choreographed for Cardinal Gibbons Dance Department. Kirstie and Ronnie have been leading Master Classes at Wakefield High. Tiffany Wheeler is performing with Footnotes. NCDI was featured in DANCE TEACHER MAGAZINE for alumni returning to teach at NCDI. NCDI alumnus Grady Bowman was featured in the January 2009 Dance Magazine. How cool! NCDI will be performing for the NC Educations Ball at the RBC Center in June. News, audition information, and performances can be found on our website: www.ncdanceinstitute.com

NCDI alumna Bree Branker begins rehearsals for Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas. Grady Bowman is performing in "Billy Elliot" for his third Broadway show! Ashley Lindsey is performing with the Limon Company. Lindsey Mathies is training in San Francisco with Alonzo King LINES. Emily Nicolas and Paulina Bracone are attending North Carolina School of the Arts. As a graduate of NCSA, I know students receive the best training in the country. For parents looking to their child's future training, NCSA offers free tuition for NC residents. www.ncarts.edu

NCDI Faculty will be leading exciting **Summer Camps & Classes** beginning June 15 through July 30. We hope to see our dancers this summer. Information can be found online: www.ncdanceinstitute.com. **Registration for the 2009-2010 Dance Year will begin in May.** The teachers are assessing students' progress, and class recommendations will be handed out in late April. We encourage early registration!

We thank our students and parents for choosing NCDI. After all, we are quite different from the market model of dance studio instruction. We do not focus on typical costly recitals. We do not enter into costly, time consuming, competitive 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 smart, educated, 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