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## New Ballet Ensemble & School Update Cultivating Community through Changed Lives



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### Announcements:

- **Pilates @ NBE:** classes ongoing. Visit [www.newballet.org/pilates](http://www.newballet.org/pilates) for details!
- **Beginning Adult Ballet** Classes have begun! Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 pm
- **Tango Classes** taught by Maximiliano Gluzman on Thursdays at 8. Call 734-355-6265 or [maxigluzman@yahoo.com](mailto:maxigluzman@yahoo.com)
- **Looking ahead: "Nut ReMix"** December 9-11 tickets on sale through [www.gpacweb.com](http://www.gpacweb.com)
- **L'Histoire du Soldat** January 28, 8pm at Christian Brothers University
- **Springloaded** April 19-21, 2012 at Playhouse on the Square



New Ballet Ensemble studios are located near Central and Cooper in an area of redevelopment in the Cooper Young neighborhood on what was an industrial street with little traffic. But . . . get ready! **WELCOME our new neighbors, Urban Outfitters!** NBE is proud to be a member of the [Cooper Young Business Association](#).

### This Month at New Ballet!



This month New Ballet Ensemble & School has been hard at work preparing for this year's production of "Nut ReMix" featuring former NBE ensemble member and international dance star Charles Riley. Tickets are on sale now at [www.gpacweb.com](http://www.gpacweb.com) or through the box office at 751-7500.



New Ballet graduate and ensemble member, YouTube sensation and international dancer, Charles "Lil Buck" Riley performed at City Center in New York City as a part of the Fall for Dance program. Click [here](#) to read the "New York Times" review of his performance of a piece of the New Ballet repertoire "Hip Hop Dying Swan."

On November 17th, New Ballet Ensemble students will be participating in "Sewing into Dreams," a fashion show and silent auction benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. New Ballet students will model the clothing designs of 7 year old cancer survivor, Lauren Lewis. Visit the ["Sewing into Dreams" facebook page](#) for more details.



This month, NBE initiated the Dunbar Elementary School Boys Residency Program in the Orange Mound neighborhood sponsored by the Hohenberg Foundation. This program consists of 22 boys taking two classes at Dunbar and one rehearsal at New Ballet each week in preparation for participation in "Nut ReMix." The ultimate goal is for these boys to matriculate into the New Ballet School Core Program on scholarship. Please visit our [website](#) for information on how you can help support the opportunity for these boys to dance!

### New Ballet and the TeamUp Memphis Grizzlies Mentoring Program



**The Team Up Memphis Mentoring Partnership (MMP)** is a program of the Memphis Grizzlies Charitable Foundation that



supports and promotes responsible mentoring initiatives in Memphis/Shelby County. MMP provides training, program assistance, promotional support, volunteer recruitment, mentor incentives, networking opportunities and evaluation tools to member organizations such as NBE.

NBE is proud to welcome Katrina Hill to the staff! Katrina will oversee the mentor program at NBE. Katrina has an extensive background in program development and implementation, working with children and adults, and possesses a broad knowledge of our community and its resources. If you are interested in learning more about the mentoring program for your child or if you would like to become a mentor please contact Katrina at NBE (mentor@newballet.org)



### Q & A with Tim Mashburn, NBE's new Chairman of the Board

- Q: Occupation, Work, Title**  
 A: Associate Dean, Finance and Administration, College of Medicine, University of Tennessee Health Science Center.
- Q: How did you get involved with NBE?**  
 A: About 9 years ago, my daughter Kate (then 15 years old) transferred to NBE for her ballet training. At that time, NBE was located at the Icehouse on Central Avenue.
- Q: How long have you been involved with NBE?**  
 A: Since Kate continued to dance at NBE as a trainee and a company member during her college years, I have been involved for 9 years, first as a parent and subsequently as a board member.
- Q: What has been your favorite NBE performance or piece?**  
 A: There are way too many to choose from, but one that stands out was the Forsythe Project which was made possible by a collaboration with Elizabeth Corbett, former soloist with William Forsythe's Frankfurt Ballet. In addition, the Flamenco dances choreographed... [read more](#)

### New Ballet School Seniors

New Ballet is proud of this year's graduating seniors! They have worked hard during their years at New Ballet and we look forward to seeing where their lives lead after leaving New Ballet.



"There is no reason to wish to be like everybody else, and there is no reason to restrict oneself to situations in which comfort is the only goal...Life is not about feeling comfortable or average, for that matter. In my short 17 years experience, I have learned that life is about action. Doing something." **Julia DeVincenzo, St. Mary's**

"One may say that 'the grass is always greener on the other side.' I have never liked this saying even though it clearly has rung true in my life. I prefer to contend that the grass only seems greener on the other side; the greenest grass is under your own two feet." **Frances Hord, St. Mary's**  
 Frances has danced as Clara and the Sugar Plum Fairy in "NutReMix" and will be featured as the Snow Queen in this year's production.



"(After fleeing New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina) the ballet studio was a sanctuary for me, a place where I could concentrate on only one thing for that hour and a half, five times a week: my body. Ballet served as a healthy, thoroughly enjoyable, and challenging distraction from my past for four years. Upon developing extreme self-discipline, I also gained some absolutely incredible friends. We all loved each other equally, no matter how advanced our dancing skills were." **Lucy Lancaster, Hutchinson School**

"I am the student council president and part of the top 10 in my class. In addition to student council, I participate in many on-campus extracurricular activities as well as volunteering with my church and dancing at New Ballet. New Ballet is not only my door to dancing professionally but also part of my family; if it wasn't for the time Mrs. Katie took to listen to my story, the smiles Ms. Kathy greeted me with the first day, and the constant encouragement and life lessons that Jamie and Mandy shared with me during my two years



being here, I wouldn't be the same." **Breana Moore, Central High School** \*Breana is a finalist for the [QuestBridge Program](#)



"My goal after graduation is to work towards becoming a dance teacher and return to New Ballet Ensemble as a teaching artist. I hope to attend the University of Southern Mississippi, the University of Memphis or MTSU for a dance major." **Alex Walton, Desoto Central High School**  
Alex will appear in the spanish (Flamenco) Divertissement in this year's "Nut ReMix"

"I cannot imagine what my life would be like without New Ballet Ensemble and School. It has formed me into who I am today. I will never forget the people I have met and the memories I have made these past seven years." **Madeline Dormois, Westminster Academy**  
Madeline will dance in the Waltz of the Flowers and Snow ballets in "Nut ReMix."



## Pilates!

When you choose to work out at the New Ballet Pilates studio, you support the operations of New Ballet. All proceeds go directly to building upkeep, directly supporting the program. We'd love to see you and some friends at a workout! Mel and Alicia are there!



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