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Winter 2013

## New Ballet Ensemble & School Update

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**JOIN TFTA to support the Arts in Tennessee!**

**Save the Date!**  
**Summer Intensive**  
 for all ages is this June,  
 including performance  
 opportunities for levels  
 5-7 with an **exciting**  
**American dance**  
**company**  
*to be announced March 7.*



#### Ongoing Classes

**Creative Movement (ages 3-5) - Advanced Ballet**  
 Contact (901) 726-9225 or  
[frontdesk@newballet.org](mailto:frontdesk@newballet.org)

Creative Movement at NBE  
 teaches Anne Green Gilbert's  
**the Brain Dance.**

#### Pilates at NBE

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Springloaded, April 12-14, 2013**  
 at Playhouse on the Square  
 Buy tickets [here](#) starting March 1



*Rhapsody in Blue* at Playhouse on the Square in 2012.

#### New Ballet Dances New York!



*Above: Ensemble member, Gene Seals with students, Chyniece Matthews and Harlan Hutton perform "Hide and Seek" at DANY Studios in New York City.*

NBE students and professional artists traveled to New York City to perform during the APAP|NYC 2013, presenting six showcases at Alvin Ailey and DANY Studios featuring *The Swan* and *El Rey de Harlem*, *Hide and Seek*, and the *Hungarian Dance no 5*.

In their first experience in the city, the girls benefited from a custom pointe shoe fitting at the Capezio store, while the boys did some jookin in the NIKETOWN store!



Visit [www.newballet.org/pilates](http://www.newballet.org/pilates) for details!



**Mei Pyron & Amanda Kramer** teach mat and reformer/tower classes as well as private lessons. **New classes!**

**Open Classes**

Youth Tap, Youth Jazz, Beginning Teen and open Hip Hop classes are ongoing. [frontdesk@newballet.org](mailto:frontdesk@newballet.org)



From the archives, Blakeley White McGuire (Martha Graham Company). Guest Master teachers enrich!

**Season Dates**

**Parent Observation week**  
**March 4 - 9, 2013**  
 at NBE studios. Parents are invited to observe classes.

**Springloaded**  
 April 12-14, 2013  
 Playhouse on the Square  
[Buy tickets online](#)

**NBE Family Night**  
**Free concert for parents of students in all levels and education programs**  
 May 8, 2013  
 Levitt Shell Pavillion at Overton Park. Enter on Poplar Avenue.

**Levitt Shell Family Series**  
 June 16 - *Anansi the Spider*  
 (made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the

To read more about the APAP experience, click [here](#).

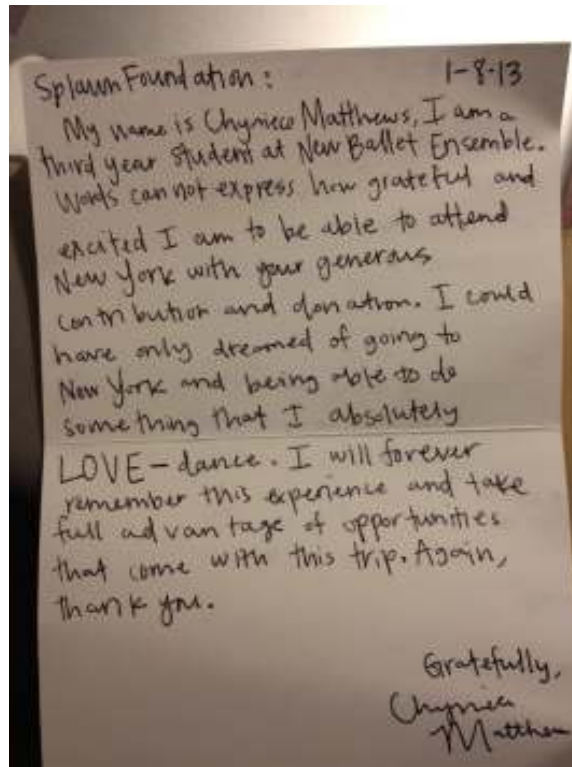


Above: Chance Dean, Justin Stewart, TJ Benson, and LeAnthony Douglas at NIKETOWN.

To see more pictures from the APAP trip, click [here](#).

**Thanks to our APAP trip sponsor, the Splawn Foundation!**

Our trip to New York would not have been possible without the gracious support of the Splawn Foundation.



**New Ballet Educational Programs**  
 by Danielle Jones, New Ballet Rhodes College Intern

Arts).



New Ballet Ensemble studios are located near Central and Cooper in the Cooper Young neighborhood on what was once an industrial street.

NBE is a member of the [Cooper Young Business Association](#).



NBE student performers at the Cannon Center



Mandy Possel in Francesca Harper's Fearless Mine  
photo: Patricia Possel  
Francesca Harper (below)



New Ballet, The Main Studio



In class



Above: Danielle Jones and students at Dunbar Elementary.

Danielle Jones is a student at Rhodes College. Her internship with New Ballet is sponsored by the Rhodes College Center for Outreach and Development in the Arts.

Walking into Jayme Stokes' ballet class for the first time at Dunbar Elementary was an experience to say the least. Taking pictures of this residency class was one of my first tasks as an intern at New Ballet Ensemble and School.

Although the students had not yet received their uniforms, the room was and is outfitted with lovely black marley and moveable mirrors and barres. I wondered if they realized how lucky they were to have a true ballet classroom in their school!

[Read more here](#)

### Where Are They Now? Catching Up With New Ballet Dancers

(Below) Artistic Director Katie Smythe with NBE student and ensemble member, Maxx Reed, on his day off from performing in *Spiderman, Turn Off the Dark*.



(Below) Former NBE dancer Lil' Buck featured in GQ Magazine!



NBE graduate Rochelle Wilbur is now on scholarship at Andover (above)



Maxx Reed on Broadway at the stage door of Spiderman with NBE students. Ballet cemented the job!



Chris Roberts, as "Peter", instructs Downtown Elementary students.



Hattilo Theater performers in the ArtsMemphis Community DanceSpace at NBE



Creative Movement Summer session!



Yo-Yo Ma interviews New Ballet student, LeAnthony Douglas who attends Airways Middle School



(Above) Julia DeVincenzo (attending TCU on full scholarship)

"Casting was released last week regarding TCU's senior choreography showcase..." Julia wrote. "One of the seniors asked if anyone had any flamenco experience. Because I could say yes, I ended up being the only underclassman cast in her piece, and I got a solo! The moral of the story is flamenco has already proved to be extremely beneficial in college!"

Noelia Garcia says, "Flamenco is a way to learn to dance with passion, develop rhythm and elan. Flamenco develops a young dancer into a performer and builds self-confidence in performance."

**Mentor Spotlight: Alaina Beckshaw and Taylor Mullaney**

New Ballet relies on the mentors participating in our one-to-one program. Sponsored in part by the Memphis Grizzlies Charitable Foundation's Team Up Mentoring Initiative, New Ballet seeks to embrace children with activities serving the whole child, connecting our students to the broader community.



Noelia Garcia returns to SPRINGLOADED 2013 at Playhouse with a new work composed by Roy Brewer who plays multiple instruments in the recorded work.



New Ballet in Orange Mound, Jayme Stokes, Teaching Artist.

NutRemix memories (below)



Thanks to our sponsors for their generous support of our programs. You are Super Heros!



Above: Mentor Alaina Beckshaw (far right) and Taylor Mullaney (far left) with Mentees, Breana Carter and Aliyah Brown.

**Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors!**

Scholarships make our programs a reality for students in our core program. Many thanks to our generous sponsors, who make a difference in the lives of young Memphians:

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Individuals including Jill Brookoff, Brenda Hardy, Deborah Northcross, Peggy Seesel, Ham Smythe III and Ada Jane Walters

Please contact Carrie Vaughan, Managing Director, [carrie@newballet.org](mailto:carrie@newballet.org), 901-726-9225 ext 224 to discuss scholarship sponsorship opportunities.

All New Ballet scholarships are need based.

**New Ballet in the News!**

- [DanceBeat: Oh Those Feet!](#)
- [Maxx Reed Spidey Ballet!](#)

**Show Your Support for the Arts in February**

Participate in the Arts Drive this month by reserving a Tennessee arts license plate, donating directly to ArtsMemphis, or becoming a member of Tennesseans for the Arts! Bring your receipt to NBE to receive 50% off your second Springloaded ticket!

**Save 25%**

When you bring one friend to a mat class or two friends to a reformer class for the first time. Print this coupon and present at time of class. Transferable! Share the offer with friends and family.

Visit [www.newballet.org/pilates](http://www.newballet.org/pilates) for more information!

PILATES AT NEW BALLET, 2157 York Avenue (near the new Urban Outfitters) **Offer Expires: November**

June 30, 2013

**Save  
\$10****Join New Ballet Ensemble for a special dance-themed birthday party!**

A New Ballet Ensemble will teach a 45-minute ballet or hip-hop class for up to 15 children ages 5-15. You bring the refreshments and decorations for the party room. Parties are available Saturdays after 4p.m. and Sundays all day. \$200 for a party.

Call Kathy Coburn at 901-726-9225 to book your party. **Bring in this coupon for \$10 off.**

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