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Summer 2012

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**Beginning Adult Ballet,**  
Beginning Teen and open Hip Hop classes begin again August 20. Stay tuned for information on open Adult Flamenco classes with Noelia Garcia Carmona!

**Season Dates:**  
**Interdependence Day X**  
September 12, 2012

**Nut ReMix**  
December 7 - 9, 2012  
Germantown Performing Arts Center

**MOSAIC 3**  
April 18, 2013  
**Springloaded**  
April 19 - 21, 2013  
All performances at Playhouse on the Square

**Family Night @ the Levitt Shell**  
May 8, 2013

**Levitt Shell Family Series**  
TBA



Gene Seals, Mandy Possel, Megan McCusker and Noelia Garcia Carmona,

**New Ballet Performing & Teaching Artists begin summer activities,** fresh from multiple performances and workshops in Memphis & Shelby County. **[READ information about NBE and Arts Infusion here.](#)**

### New Ballet Summer Programs



*Left: Students Harlan Hutton and Julia DeVincenzo explore Modern Partnering during the Summer Intensive.*

Our dancers stayed busy this summer in ballet, modern, hip hop,

flamenco, and African dance classes. We were especially pleased to welcome Carol Guidry, Artistic Director of the Santa Clarita Ballet, as a Guest Teaching Artist for the summer. To see pictures of her Franklin Method classes, [click here](#). Read more about Carol's summer classes [here](#). And for those of you interested in learning even more about the Franklin Method, [here is some great information about the technique and how it works.](#)

*Right: Boys in the Orange Mound Community Program at Redbirds RBI Camp, which preceded the New Ballet summer session.*

Thanks to a generous ArtsFirst grant from the First Tennessee Foundation, we had a group of boys from Dunbar Elementary, Airways Middle School, and Fairview Middle School in Orange Mound dancing with us this summer. See them in action in our Facebook





New Ballet Ensemble studios are located near Central and Cooper in an area of redevelopment in the Cooper Young neighborhood on what was once an industrial street with little traffic.

NBE is proud to be a member of the Cooper Young Business Association.



albums, [here](#) and [here](#), and read about everything they did at New Ballet this summer [here](#).



*Below: Student Theresa Halveka and Teaching Artist Shamar Rooks onstage at the Levitt Shell performing "Puss in Boots" from Sleeping Beauty*



All of the students' hard work throughout the summer session was put on display at the Levitt Shell at the end of June. New Ballet students and teaching artists performed *Peter and the Wolf* and

*Hip Hop to Africa* for a very enthusiastic crowd! Read more about their performance [here](#). To see more pictures from the show, [click here](#).

### Where are they now? **NBE Alumni** -



*Megan McCusker and Matthew Best in front of the NBE sign featuring the two of them as students*

Megan graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BFA in Dance. She spent this past season at NBE as a teaching assistant and performing artist and is headed for a position with the Ballet Theater of Maryland in Annapolis. Megan taught Pilates to Ballet 5 and 6 the week of June 4th before packing up for her journey to the next step in her career!

*Right: Megan in NutRemix at the Buckman in 2007*



It was a year of growth and transition for Matthew Best. In his first full year on staff with InterVarsity Christian



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Fellowship, Matthew recently completed the Spring semester at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, his alma mater. "The Lord blessed me to gain new relationships with the student leaders of the fellowship . . . It has been an absolute joy to see



these students grow and I am so excited for the ways our ministry has grown in its approach to serving students on the UTK campus." In addition to his ministry activities, Matthew has been involved in liturgical dance efforts on campus.

Above: Matthew in NutReMix, Buckman Theater 2007

**Rudi Peyton in the Commercial Appeal**

New Ballet Teaching and Performing Artist a leader in Memphis dance community



Check out this great shot of Rudi leading Grizz Girls auditions in the **Commercial Appeal!** Rudi Peyton was one of the very first members of the New Ballet Ensemble Trainee Program. As

Assistant Choreographer for the Memphis Grizzlies, he is seen here leading the Grizz Girls auditions at Rhodes College on Saturday, July 21st.

We're always proud to see New Ballet dancers leading efforts in our own community. Go Rudi!

**CHOOSE MEMPHIS!**

Welcome, *Kaori (Ogasawara) Rendall Jackson and her family (pictured here at Pittsburgh Ballet) to Memphis!* Husband and former Pittsburgh Principle dancer, Christopher (right), will serve as clerk to Federal Judge John McCalla. Mrs. Rendall Jackson will instruct in the NBE Core Dance Education program and Creative Movement classes.



Ms. Ogasawara has extensive teaching experience in Japan and Pittsburgh, where she taught for Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School. Mr. Rendall-Jackson graduated Harvard Law School after retiring from the Pittsburgh Ballet.

**New Ballet in the News!**

- Stand for Children Blog in Arts Education**
- Commercial Appeal: Arts groups collaborate for dance, music, drama showcase**
- Micro Memphis: New Ballet takes the stage at Playhouse on the Square**
- Memphis Daily News: First Tennessee Foundation awards \$385K in Arts Grants**

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