



25 south washington avenue | bergenfield, nj 07621
tel 201 385 9638 | fax 201 385 9639
www.nunnbetterdance.com

Dear NDT Student:

There is nothing like the sound of a well-deserved applause from a thrilled and captivated audience. We have an acute knowledge of how much effort is involved in getting to that moment on the stage. This year, we are seeing a keen interest on the part of some of our dancers at nbdtd to improve their technique and artistry and to bring that excellence to their performances on stage. To meet this need, we are excited to announce the start of the nbdtd **Pre-Professional Program (PPP)** in the fall of 2008. To properly address the significance of pursuing a career in the dance world we are establishing a high level of commitment from the students in this new program. As this cannot be easily accomplished as a regular student of the school, we have designed the PPP to provide a more structured path to success in dance. This program is tailored to enable the advanced student to prepare for the pursuit of her/his place within the dance profession, either at the collegiate or professional level.

Enclosed you will find some general information about our new program. Again, we have set very high expectations within this program in order to ensure the best results for each participant. Please note that entrance into the PPP is separate from the nbdtd company. Also, keep in mind that this program is not designed to 'fit' everyone in the school or even everyone in the nbdtd company. This program is one step higher than the company, requiring a greater time commitment, more effort and a higher degree of professionalism from each dancer.

TWO STEP APPLICATION PROCESS: In order to offer the most professional program possible, we have established a two step process of admission. Part 1 is the written application (available in the office to interested parties). Part 2 will be an audition for a panel of dancers/teachers which will be set for Saturday, September 6, 2:00 – 4:00pm.

Acceptance into the program will be determined by the results of both portions of the application as well as your past efforts as a student and performer at nbdtd. The PPP will have two levels of entry: **PPP-Level One** involves the highest degree of commitment and studio time while **PPP-Level Two** might be a better placement for those students whose time and training commitment is more limited.

COST OF PARTICIPATION: The cost of PPP-1 and PPP-2 will both be \$2,550.00. This price begins with the *Family Plan* base tuition of \$2150 (which enables students to take as many classes as they like) plus the cost of *nine* master classes provided through the program. All PPP students will be required to attend a minimum number of classes weekly, but will be encouraged to take as many classes as possible in order to meet performance needs. PPP classes will be open to the general nbdtd school advanced students with the exception of Thursday classes, which will be exclusively for PPP students. These advanced classes set for Tuesday and Friday, will be *by invitation only*. (Please see attached grid for break down of required and optional classes.)

We are very excited about this new program. We would love to see those students who are truly interested in making a commitment to dance participate in all of the fantastic classes, workshops and legitimate ballet competitions we have planned for the PPP throughout this 2008-2009 year. While all the training in the world cannot guarantee placement in a dance company, being technically and artistically prepared and having a real grasp of the expectations a future career in dance presents... is the best way to begin the journey.

Leath Nunn
Artistic Director