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Ballet Tech's Fall Open House

On October 18th, Ballet Tech opened its doors for our Fall Open House. Board Members, funders and friends spent the morning enjoying the talents of our students and celebrating the opening of our newly renovated 8th Floor. A large range of our students' abilities were on display as the fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders participated in open technique classes by level. Between watching classes, our guests were able to view Ballet Tech's new space. Over the summer, great progress was made in our long-term renovation project including the complete reconstruction of the office space, reconfigured studio space, the opening of an internal stairwell between the 7th and 8th floors, the revamping of the lobby area with high ceilings, skylights, and new floors and lighting. In the near future we plan to continue renovations with creating a new studio on the seventh floor and building additional classrooms. Ballet Tech is grateful for all of our support from our funders and our Board Members during this ongoing process.



Eliot Feld's Choreography Set in Taiwan

On September 13th, Ballet Tech's Ballet Mistress Patrice Hemsworth traveled to Taiwan for 12 days to set *A Stair Dance* for the Taipei based company M Dans.

Originally choreographed by Eliot Feld to the music of Steve Reich, *A Stair Dance* is an 11 minute ballet that features five dancers and a full-length staircase. The ballet premiered on October 21, 2004 in the first season of Ballet Tech's MANDANCE PROJECT at the Joyce Theater.

Earlier this year Wu-Kang Chen, a noted Feld dancer and an original member of the cast of *A Stair Dance*, asked for permission to restage the ballet for his dance company in Taiwan. With Mr. Feld's blessing, Ms. Hemsworth traveled to Taiwan and set the entire work on M Dans in less than two weeks. Mr. Chen and his fellow company members developed six more works around the staircase to create a full evening of work which was presented at the National Theater of Taiwan over the weekend of September 22nd.

Ms. Hemsworth will also be traveling with Mr. Feld to the National Ballet of Canada this winter to set *A Footstep of Air*, which premiered in 1977. The first performance in Toronto will be on March 21st, 2007. For more info, please see: http://www.national.ballet.ca/performance.php?0607_season/foot-opus-vol

Ballet Tech Alumni Program

Ballet Tech is developing an alumni program to keep in contact with alumni and former students. We are currently reaching out to past students of the school to gather current contact and career information, as we love to know what interests our students pursue and develop after graduating or transferring schools. We hope to add a new section to our website devoted to alumni which will encourage networking between Ballet Tech students of the past and present.

Upcoming Events:

Field Trip to see *The Lion King* on Broadway

On Wednesday, February 28th, Ballet Tech's sixth, seventh and eighth graders will be attending a matinee performance of Disney's *The Lion King* on Broadway. Accompanied by Principal John David Treadwell, the students will have the opportunity to see the Tony-Award winning choreography of Garth Fagan and experience the thrills and excitement of attending a Broadway show which, for many of our students, will be their first.

2006-2007 Open Auditions

In addition to auditions held in public schools, Ballet Tech holds open auditions at 890 Broadway. This year, open auditions will be held on the following Saturdays at noon:

January 20, 2007
March 10, 2007
April 28, 2007
June 2, 2007

To register for an open audition, please call (212) 777-7710, ext. 300. For more information please visit <http://www.balletech.org/auditiondates.html>.

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