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Ballet Tech's 2008 Spring Season Announced!

Ballet Tech Foundation is pleased to announce the dates for MANDANCE PROJECT's 2008 Spring Season. Taking place at the Joyce Theater from April 7th through April 20th, 2008, the season will feature both world premieres and revivals of Eliot Feld's ballets. Kids Dance, the performance troupe comprised solely of current Ballet Tech students, will perform on April 12th and 19th during the Saturday matinees. For more information, please see:

<http://www.balletech.org/mandance.html>

605 NYC Public School students participated in this year's Beginner Program!

Ballet Tech Students with their art projects at Central Park



Photo: Katie Yamasaki

Eliot Feld's Choreography Set in Canada

Ballet Tech's Ballet Mistress, Patrice Hemsworth recently accompanied Mr. Feld to stage *A Footstep of Air* on the National Ballet of Canada. Set to Irish and Scottish folk songs composed by Beethoven, the ballet premiered at City Center with the Feld Ballet in 1977. The National Ballet of Canada will perform *A Footstep of Air* in Toronto from March 21st- March 25th and in Ottawa from April 12th- 14th. For more info, please see:

http://www.national.ballet.ca/performance.php?0607_season/foot-opus-vol

To date, Ballet Tech has auditioned 581,855 NYC Public School Students!

Ballet Tech Students Learning Repertory

Mr. Feld is currently working directly with a select group of boys from the Ballet Tech School to create a new Kids Dance ballet set to the music of Steve Martland. All male students in the 4th- 8th grades were given the opportunity to audition. Two young men from the 5th grade were chosen while the rest of the cast was selected from the 6th- 8th grades. Assisted by Ballet Mistress Patrice Hemsworth, Mr. Feld and his students work entirely after school on this exciting project as not to take time away from the students' regular academic and artistic studies.

This semester, Ballet Tech students are also studying the choreography of David Parsons in their repertory classes. The 8th- 12th graders are learning Parsons' *The Envelope*, while the 6th graders are learning *Sleep Study*.

Upcoming Events:

Multicultural Benefit

The Ballet Tech School's 9th Annual Multicultural Benefit will be held on March 16th. This popular event features a dinner and a dance along with a raffle to raise money for Ballet Tech's PTA. Functioning as an educational potluck, parents and staff members bring in traditional dishes from their country of origin. This year's raffle features the highly coveted Nintendo Wii, a 'Basket of Cheer' valued at \$150, and a \$100 gift certificate to Macy's. While the event is open to students, parents and staff only, separate donations to the PTA in support of the benefit are always welcome. To donate, please call 212-777-7710 or visit our website at www.ballettech.org.

Spring Open House

Ballet Tech's Spring 2007 Open House will take place on Thursday, March 29th from 12:30- 2:00 pm. Students in grades 4-8 will demonstrate their talents for the public in open technique classes. To reserve a spot at the Open House, please call (212) 777-7710 x316.

2006-2007 Open Auditions

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

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.ballettech.org/auditiondates.html>.

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