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Applications Now Available for USA International Ballet Competition's Dance School and Teachers Workshop

USA IBC Announces Dance School Scholarships, Teachers Workshop Instructor

Jackson, Miss., February 15, 2010 – The [USA International Ballet Competition](#) (USA IBC) recently made applications available for the 2010 USA IBC Dance School and Teachers Workshop. The events, held concurrently with the competition, will take place in Jackson, Miss., June 12 – 27, 2010. Potential students can download applications from the [USA IBC web site](#).

The USA IBC Dance School provides an opportunity for intermediate and advanced level students to study with dance teachers from around the world and to attend exciting performances of the USA IBC. A two-week session is offered for students ages 12 and up who have had a minimum of four consecutive years of ballet training and one year of pointe for females and two consecutive years of ballet training for males. The curriculum includes ballet, jazz, modern, contemporary and character work, and the USA IBC arranges students' food and lodging during their stays.

“The [faculty](#) assembled for the 2010 Dance School is exceptional,” said Sue Lobrano, executive director of the USA IBC. “They are company directors, prima ballerinas and award-winning choreographers. These teachers have performed and coached dancers all over the world, and they will offer a wealth of experience to our students.”

A placement audition class will be held on Sunday, June 13 to determine the level of instruction, and students will be pre-placed for this class based on their applications. USA IBC Dance School faculty will select students to receive tuition scholarships to attend several institutions' summer programs in the summer of 2011. These scholarship awards will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at the close of the IBC June 26.

At the 2006 Dance School, 296 students from 24 states and five countries studied with 11 exceptional dance teachers.

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Scholarships to summer intensive ballet programs for 2011 will be awarded at the 2010 USA IBC Dance School, Joffrey South Workshop, Kirov Academy of Ballet, Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, American Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive, Alabama Ballet School, Tulsa Ballet, Nashville Ballet and The Rock School all currently offer at least one scholarship.

The [USA IBC Teachers Workshop](#) allows participants to attend the event with their students. Participating teachers may observe Dance School classes and competitor classes, as schedules permit.

The 2010 Teachers Workshop instructor is Peff Modelski, a Master Teacher of Classical Ballet, a Guild Certified Feldenkrais® Practitioner, a Sounder Sleep™ Specialist, a classical ballet teacher, coach, pedagogue and répétiteur. Modelski has brought dancers from injury to normal levels of competency, progressing the pre-professional toward the highest standards, and restoring the technique and performance self confidence of professionals. She is currently based in Chicago and taught professional ballet class at Steps in New York City six days a week for 31 years.

“We are delighted to have Mme. Modelski join us in June for the USA IBC Teachers Workshop,” Lobrano said. “She is a respected leader in her field and is one of the most sought after resources in pointe work problem-solving.”

The USA IBC Dance School and Teachers Workshop are sponsored in part by The Chisholm Foundation, the Mississippi Agricultural Museum, Jackson State University, Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency.

The USA IBC is a two-week, “olympic-style” competition where tomorrow’s stars vie for gold, silver and bronze medals; cash awards; company contracts; and scholarships. The event is designated as the official international ballet competition in the United States by a Joint Resolution of Congress. Presented under the auspices of the International Dance Committee, International Theatre Institute of UNESCO, the USA IBC is held every four years in Jackson, Miss., in the tradition of sister competitions in Varna, Bulgaria, and Moscow, Russia.

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