



**NationalHigh School
Dance Festival
March 8-11 2012**
www.nhsdf.org
University of the Arts
Philadelphia, PA

October 2011

Dear Dance Program Director:

The 22th anniversary of the National High School Dance Festival will take place March 8-11, 2012, at the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA. This four-day Festival will involve approximately 1300 dance students in grades 9 -12 representing high schools from across the nation and abroad. The Festival will feature 120 master classes and workshops by faculty of national and international repute, six adjudicated concerts, an exhibitor's center, college recruitment, teacher's sessions and opening and closing ceremonies.

Another feature of the Festival will be the **SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION CLASSES**. Students selected to audition will be among the most outstanding high school dancers in the country. **The NationalHigh School Dance Festival invites you to be a part of this process by awarding a scholarship to one of these deserving students.** In past Festivals, scholarships have been offered by some of the most prestigious colleges, universities, professional studio schools, and summer dance programs in the country. In 2012, we hope to increase the generous amount of monies offered at previous festivals.

Separate designated audition classes will be held on **Thursday, March 8, 2012**, beginning at (tentatively) 7:00 am. Each student auditioning will be required to participate in one of the audition classes consisting of both modern and ballet techniques. There may also be a brief improvisational element. There will be a mandatory 45 minute warm-up class prior to each audition class. Auditions will be completed by 4:30 pm.

A booklet of all student application forms will be prepared for all Scholarship Donors. The booklet will give scholarship donors access to all student names, addresses, phone numbers, etc. (A parent/guardian signature is mandatory for each student's data release.) Booklets will be available for pick-up the night before auditions or at the Scholarship Auditions registration table on the Thursday morning. Each institution donating a scholarship will receive one booklet only, unless you designate otherwise (for an additional printing fee).

Any institution awarding a scholarship should send a representative to choose the recipient. Please note that your representative will be viewing each of the audition classes. If you are unable to send a representative (and we strongly encourage you to do so), the Festival's Scholarship Selection Committee will award your scholarship based on your institution's stated criteria. The scholarship will be awarded at the Closing Ceremonies by the Scholarship Committee or, if you prefer, by your representative. Closing ceremonies will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at approximately 11:30 am.

We hope your school/program can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to view so many young and talented dancers at such an important Festival. **AWARDING A SCHOLARSHIP ALLOWS YOU TO PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE FUTURES OF THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN.** We thank you for this consideration.

We have enclosed a Scholarship Donor Form. Please duplicate if you need extra copies and do not hesitate to contact the Scholarship Committee should you require any additional information.

Classes and auditions will be held in venues at the University of the Arts. The school is within a short walking distance from the Festival Hotels, the Concert theaters and from a variety of eateries and first class restaurants. There is an abundance of shopping opportunities in downtown Philadelphia, as well as numerous historic sites.

We look forward to welcoming you to Philadelphia and to hearing from you in the very near future. We are hoping to have all scholarships confirmed **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 16, 2011**. When the scholarship offer is received, the information will be placed on the website. The sooner we receive it, the better for the students.

Please also send in **Volunteer Teaching Faculty form** if you would like to teach at the Festival. The deadline has been extended until November 16, 2011

All information regarding the Festival can be accessed at www.nhsdf.org

Thank you again for your consideration in donating a scholarship.

Most Sincerely,

Dr. Kathryn Kearns, Founder/Executive Director, NHSDF;

**IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SEND ALL SCHOLARSHIP DONOR FORMS
IN WORD FORMAT
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 16, 2011 TO:**

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