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HOUSTON BALLET'S SUMMER INTENSIVE IS HEATING UP!

Houston Ballet Academy Attracts International Crowd for Its Renowned Six-Week Intensive

WHO: Houston Ballet

WHAT: Summer Intensive Program

WHEN: June 18 – July 27, 2018

WHERE: Houston Ballet Center for Dance – 601 Preston Street, Houston, TX

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HOUSTON, TEXAS [JUNE 18, 2018] — Houston Ballet's world-renowned Summer Intensive Program begins today, attracting top talent from around the globe. Students ages 13-18 have the privilege of training with Houston Ballet Academy staff six days per week for the next six weeks. The 2018 intensive began with an 18-city international audition tour this past January and February. Out of more than 2,000 auditionees, the competitive program accepted just over 330 students will train with Houston Ballet this summer. Students attending this year have come from over 30 U.S. states and 7 different countries.

Houston Ballet's Summer Intensive is unique from other programs in several ways. All students get valuable performance experience during our six Summer Intensive Final Performances, July 26 & 27. Houston Ballet Academy's boy program is also one of the strongest in the nation. Under the teachings of distinguished instructor/coach Claudio Muñoz as well as other prominent Academy faculty, boys learn to become confident, strong male dancers. Also, level 8 students (the most advanced in the intensive) get the opportunity to experiment with choreographing new ballets on their peers. The AFA Choreographic Experience, in collaboration with the American Festival for the Arts, allows a small group of students to work hand-in-hand with young aspiring composers to produce original works of both dance and music. In this process, students get the exciting chance to explore the techniques and challenges of creating, rehearsing and performing short pieces of original choreography.

About Houston Ballet Academy

Since its founding in 1955, Houston Ballet Academy has provided the highest quality ballet training. The Academy's outstanding faculty includes teachers who have performed with Houston Ballet and other prestigious international companies. The Academy also includes Houston Ballet II, the second company of Houston Ballet comprised of a stellar array of ballet students from around the world. Houston Ballet Academy also engages more than 60,000 local students per year in dance through several Education and Community Engagement programs. For more information, visit www.houstonballet.org.

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