



Pottstown Dance Theatre

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Dear Member of the Pottstown Dance Theatre Family:

The American Alliance of Performing Arts Educators, a registered 501(c)3 non-profit, has chosen the Pottstown Dance Theatre as one of the schools to present in London during the 2012 Summer Olympics. This alliance works with students that are not at a professional level, but that do study with schools that encourage excellent training in the performing arts, rather than recital and competition oriented schools. Their performances are by invitation only and their professional search team chose Pottstown Dance Theatre for the 2012 London Olympic Production.

Attached is information regarding the trip, which includes exciting sightseeing tours, accommodations, access to Olympic events, and assistance with travel while in London. I would like to take advantage of this opportunity, and while the trip will be self-funded, I will be choosing dancers that have displayed a meaningful commitment to their training. Each invited group will be given a set amount of time for their performance and as of now, it will be approximately half an hour. That being said, I would like to showcase the versatility of the Pottstown Dance Theatre, so there will be nine segments that will include the following: African Dance, Ballet, Irish Dance, Modern Dance, Tap Dance, Jazz, Break-Dancing, Hip-Hop, and a Finale; therefore ALL dancers that will be a minimum of 13 years of age (maximum 18 years of age) by July 27, 2012 will have the privilege to apply. Older dancers and/or parents will be able to travel as chaperones; however I feel that the opportunity to perform should be limited to our talented teens.

Since this is two and half years away, the school will begin raising some funds to assist with travel costs. If you have ideas for this, feel free to let Mrs. Dunn (our office manager) know. Monies earned will go into a special fund designated for this trip and will be divided amongst those going. I will be in contact often with the presenters, so if you have questions feel free to ask. Many may take some time as I may need to discuss the questions with the presenters, but will get back to you as quickly as possible. If you are interested in traveling and/or performing for this event, please fill out the form below and return it to the desk. Applications will be taken for as long as is possible, however the trip may fill since other schools are going; so as soon as possible would be best!

Happy Dancing!
Michelle Jones Wurtz

*All travelers will need a valid passport. Passports actually **expire six months** earlier than the date listed, **so make sure your passport is up to date.***

Dancer Name: _____ Age, as of 07/27/12? _____

Dance Styles: _____

Interested in chaperoning? No Yes If yes, name: _____

*If you are applying as a dancer, there is **no guarantee** you will be chosen. This will be an elite group committed to their dance studies. Rehearsals will probably not begin until Jan. 2012, so dancers will be notified around the Fall of 2011.*