

## Adopt A Dancer

Approximately 30 students are selected each year to participate in the June workshop. Individuals who show promise in the arts may be offered scholarships to continue their dance education.

As little as \$25 per day pays half of the total workshop costs for a single dancer (or just \$200 for the full 8-day workshop). Your tax-deductible funds cover:

- ◆ Appropriate dance attire
- ◆ Workshop supplies
- ◆ Dance studio rental
- ◆ Student transportation
- ◆ Snacks & lunch



## Yes! I want to Adopt A Dancer!

### Tax-deductible Donation Options:

- 1 Student x 1 day = \$25
- 1 Student x 8 days = \$200
- Create Your Own Donation

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Complete & return with payment to:

Director, The Dance Connection  
Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre  
1405-D Weatherly Plaza SE  
Huntsville, AL 35803

Make checks to AYBT.



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Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre

## THE DANCE CONNECTION



The Dance Connection is a non-profit outreach program that uses dance to teach underprivileged students problem solving skills, social cooperation, and self-expression. Students are taught a variety of basic dance technique, dance vocabulary, and dance history. The goals of the program include providing an opportunity for students that may not otherwise be able to take dance classes, as well as, to connect the mind, the body, and the emotional self. The program has reached thousands of students since it was created in 2006 through its various residencies and workshops.



## Classroom Benefits

The Dance Connection is beneficial to all students as it promotes individual creativity. Students are given an introduction to dance technique and then participate in activities that involve shapes and locomotion/ non-locomotion movement. They explore levels, occupied/ unoccupied space, partnering activities, and activities that involve various rhythms. Depending on the requests of the school, the activities can also include principles of math and science.

## Scheduling

In order to schedule a workshop with The Dance Connection, email the director, Paula Osmer:

patrickandpaula@hotmail.com

You can also contact the studio:

**256.881.5930**

**[www.AlabamaYouthBallet.org](http://www.AlabamaYouthBallet.org)**

## Location

The Dance Connection instructors schedule a time to come into the classroom at the participating school. Depending on the requests of the school, the class may take place in the music room, during PE class in the gym, or in the individual classroom of the teacher requesting the workshop. The Dance Connection may also be available for afterschool programs per special request by the school. During the summer a unique two week program takes place at Alabama Youth Ballet for the program's target schools.

## Funding

The Dance Connection is an outreach program of Alabama Youth Ballet and Alabama Youth Ballet Theatre. It is funded through individual donors, fundraisers, and grants received by Alabama State Council on the Arts and the Arts and Cultural Grant through the City of Huntsville.



## Summer Intensive

The Dance Connection is an 8-day program designed to enhance student skills in critical thinking, problem solving, self-discipline, and social cooperation by connecting the mind, body, and emotional self.

Students will:

- ◆ Learn the basic foundations of ballet, modern, jazz & composition techniques.
- ◆ Develop a positive attitude about body and self
- ◆ Become aware of rhythm & appropriate body connections through space, time & energy
- ◆ Grow in appreciation, understanding, & enjoyment of dance as a form of personal expression, lifelong learning & recreational activity
- ◆ Gain knowledge of the historical & cultural significance of dance through the ages
- ◆ Become aware of dance opportunities in the community

