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**MIAMI CITY BALLET SCHOOL  
-- THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL OF MIAMI CITY BALLET --  
ANNOUNCES NATIONAL AUDITION TOUR IN 17 U.S. CITIES FOR MCB SUMMER INTENSIVE**

**International Auditions Will Be Held in Madrid and For the First Time in Berlin  
Additional Master Classes Were Also Held in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo in November**

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. – (November 12, 2015) – Miami City Ballet School, the official school of Miami City Ballet and one of the most respected ballet training academies in America, will hold auditions for its prestigious MCB Summer Intensive. The **National Audition Tour**, sponsored by Freed of London, **will kick off on Saturday, January 9** at two locations – Atlanta and Indianapolis – and continue to 15 additional cities across the United States until its conclusion on February 6.

MCB School's principal faculty member Maria Torija who began her training in Madrid and danced professionally for 20 years with the Deutsche Oper/Staatsballett Berlin, the largest ballet company in Germany, will lead the European leg of the audition tour to Madrid for the second year, and for the first time ever, to Berlin. European audition details are still being finalized and will be posted on MCB School's website.

On November 7 and 8, for the eighth year in a row, **MCB School held Master Classes in Brazil** through a generous sponsorship from Agência Navegantes Cambio e Turismo Ltda. Dancers who participated in a Master Class have the opportunity to be invited to attend the MCB Summer Intensive. Full and partial merit-based scholarships are available for international students.

The **MCB Summer Intensive** is a five-week program for **students ages 12-18** who want to further their dance training. It will take place **June 20-July 23, 2016** at MCB's 63,000 sq. ft. facility just a block from the beach. Students take four classes a day, six days a week with MCB School's renowned faculty and MCB's artistic staff. The program culminates in Summer Repertory Performances at the Lynn & Louis Wolfson, II Theatre at MCB Studios.

Each year, select summer intensive students **may be invited to join the Pre-Professional Division** in the school year program. This allows MCB School to retain talented young dancers from around the country and the world, and provide a pathway to a career in dance. **Half of MCB Company dancers are graduates of MCB School.**

MCB School offers partial and full merit-based scholarships to select students participating in the MCB Summer Intensive. Housing is available at University of Miami where Residential Assistants and campus security are on duty 24 hours a day. Students have access to on-campus healthcare facilities and other amenities. During weekends, students participate in fun, recreational activities to round out their summer dance experience.

**Acceptance to the MCB Summer Intensive is by audition only.** Students are strongly urged to audition in person at one of the audition cities. If they are unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances, video submissions are accepted.

**2016 National Audition Tour**  
**Sponsored by Freed of London**

**Saturday, January 9**

**Atlanta, GA**

Atlanta Ballet School  
1695 Marietta Boulevard NW  
Atlanta, GA 30318

Ages 12-14

Registration 3:30-4:30pm

Audition Class 4:30-6:00pm

Ages 15-18

Registration 5:00-6:00pm

Audition Class 6:00-7:30pm

**Saturday, January 9**

**Indianapolis, IN**

Indianapolis School of Ballet  
502 N. Capitol Avenue, Suite B  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Ages 12-14

Registration 2:00-3:00pm

Audition Class 3:00-4:30pm

Ages 15-18

Registration 3:30-4:30pm

Audition Class 4:30-6:00pm

**Sunday, January 10**

**Philadelphia, PA**

The Rock School for Dance Education  
1101 South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Ages 12-14

Registration 3:00-4:00pm

Audition Class 4:00-5:30pm

Ages 15-18

Registration 4:30-5:30pm

Audition Class 5:30-7:00pm

**Sunday, January 10**

**Silver Spring, MD**

Maryland Youth Ballet  
926 Ellsworth Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Ages 12-14

Registration 3:00-4:00pm

Audition Class 4:00-5:30pm

Ages 15-18

Registration 4:30-5:30pm

Audition Class 5:30-7:00pm

**Saturday, January 16**

**Boston, MA**

Boston Ballet School  
19 Clarendon Street  
Boston, MA 02116

Ages 12-14

Registration 4:00-5:00pm

Audition Class 5:00-6:30pm

Ages 15-18

Registration 5:30-6:30pm

Audition Class 6:30-8:00pm

**Saturday, January 16**

**Pittsburgh, PA**

Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School  
2900 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Ages 12-14

Registration 4:00-5:00pm

Audition Class 5:00-6:30pm

Ages 15-18

Registration 5:30-6:30pm

Audition Class 6:30-8:00pm

**Sunday, January 17**  
**Chicago, IL**

Joffrey Ballet Academy  
10 E Randolph Street  
Chicago, IL 60601

Ages 12-14  
Registration 4:30-5:30pm  
Audition Class 5:30-7:00pm

Ages 15-18  
Registration 6:00-7:00pm  
Audition Class 7:00-8:30pm

**Sunday, January 17**  
**New York, NY**

School of American Ballet  
70 Lincoln Center Plaza  
New York, NY 10023

Ages 12-14  
Registration 2:30-3:30pm  
Audition Class 3:30-5:00pm

Ages 15-16  
Registration 4:00-5:00pm  
Audition Class 5:00-6:30pm

Ages 17-18  
Registration 5:30-6:30pm  
Audition Class 6:30-8:00pm

**Saturday, January 23**  
**Plano, TX**

Chamberlain School of Ballet  
3003 W 15th Street  
Plano, TX 75075

Ages 12-14  
Registration 3:00-4:00pm  
Audition Class 4:00-5:30pm

Ages 15-18  
Registration 4:30-5:30pm  
Audition Class 5:30-7:00pm

**Sunday, January 24**  
**Winston-Salem, NC**

University of North Carolina School of the Arts  
1533 S. Main Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27127

Ages 12-14  
Registration 4:30-5:30pm  
Audition Class 5:30-7:00pm

Ages 15-18  
Registration 6:00-7:00pm  
Audition Class 7:00-8:30pm

**Saturday, January 30**  
**San Francisco, CA**

San Francisco Ballet School  
455 Franklin Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Ages 12-14  
Registration 3:30-4:30pm  
Audition Class 4:30-6:00pm

Ages 15-18  
Registration 5:00-6:00pm  
Audition Class 6:00-7:30pm

**Sunday, January 31**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

Los Angeles Ballet School  
11755 Exposition Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Ages 12-14  
Registration 3:00-4:00pm  
Audition Class 4:00-5:30pm

Ages 15-18  
Registration 4:30-5:30pm  
Audition Class 5:30-7:00pm

**Sunday, January 31**

**Miami Beach, FL**

Miami City Ballet School\*  
2200 Liberty Avenue  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Young Dancer Intensive  
Registration 2:00-3:00pm  
Audition Class 3:00-4:00pm

Ages 12-14  
Registration 3:00-4:00pm  
Audition Class 4:00-5:30pm

Ages 15-18  
Registration 4:30-5:30pm  
Audition Class 5:30-7:00pm

**Friday, February 5**

**Seattle, WA**

Pacific Northwest Ballet School  
301 Mercer Street  
Seattle, WA 98109

Ages 12-14  
Registration 6:00-6:30pm  
Audition 6:30-7:30pm

Ages 15-18  
Registration 6:30-7:30pm  
Audition Class 7:30-9:00pm

**Friday, February 5**

**Naples, FL**

Naples Academy of Ballet\*  
1005 5th Avenue N.  
Naples, FL 34102

Young Dancer Intensive  
Registration 4:00-5:00pm  
Audition Class 5:00-6:00pm

Ages 12-14  
Registration 5:00-6:00pm  
Audition Class 6:00-7:30pm

Ages 15-18  
Registration 6:30-7:30pm  
Audition Class 7:30-9:00pm

**Saturday, February 6**

**Orlando, FL**

Orlando Ballet School\*  
2201 McRae Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32803

Young Dancer Intensive  
Registration 3:00-4:00pm  
Audition Class 4:00-5:00pm

Ages 12-14  
Registration 4:00-5:00pm  
Audition Class 5:00-6:30pm

Ages 15-18  
Registration 5:30-6:30pm  
Audition Class 6:30-8:00pm

**Saturday, February 6**

**Denver, CO**

Colorado Ballet Academy  
1075 Santa Fe Drive  
Denver, CO 80204

Ages 12-14  
Registration 4:00-5:00pm  
Audition Class 5:00-6:30pm

Ages 15-18  
Registration 5:30-6:30pm  
Audition Class 6:30-8:00pm

\*Auditions for the Young Dancer Intensive will also be held at this location. The Young Dancer Intensive is for dancers ages 9-12 and will take place at MCB Studios July 26-Aug. 6, 2016.

All auditioning students must bring a headshot and two full-body photos (3"x5" or 4"x6"). For the girls -- one in first arabesque and another in tendu à la seconde a terre, wearing practice clothes (no skirts). For the boys -- one in first arabesque and another in à la seconde en l'air. Please make sure your name, address and phone number are on the photos. Additionally, students must audition with the age group that they will be in when the program begins on June 23, 2016.

For more information about the MCB Summer Intensive and auditioning visit [miamicityballet.org/school](http://miamicityballet.org/school)  
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### **About Miami City Ballet:**

Hailed by *The New York Times* as “one of America’s most beloved dance companies,” Miami City Ballet is led by Artistic Director Lourdes Lopez. The Company has 51 dancers and a repertoire of nearly 100 ballets. The Company performs for nearly 100,000 patrons annually during its South Florida home season in Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Naples, and tours to top theaters domestically and internationally. Among the Company’s notable achievements have been critically acclaimed seasons in Paris and New York City and the nationally televised PBS THIRTEEN special: *Great Performances - Dance In America: Miami City Ballet Dances Balanchine and Tharp*.

Miami City Ballet School, the official school of Miami City Ballet, is a competitive pre-professional ballet training academy with a vibrant community division serving nearly 900 students and granting \$500,000 in scholarships annually.

Miami City Ballet is headquartered in Miami Beach, Fla., at the Ophelia & Juan Js. Roca Center, a facility designed by renowned architectural firm Arquitectonica.

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