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Patel Conservatory Youth Ballet in partnership with Orlando Ballet School holds auditions for summer intensive programs

TAMPA, Fla. – The Patel Conservatory Youth Ballet in partnership with Orlando Ballet School (OBS) will hold auditions on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for its two-week Summer Intensive program.

Students will come from all over the world for dance training during the Summer Intensive, held July 26 - August 7 at the 45,000-square foot Patel Conservatory at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts. Accepted students will take classes five to six hours daily Monday through Friday in ballet, pointe, men's technique, jazz dance, modern dance, stretch and additional performing arts classes. Weekends will include two and a half hours of classes on Saturday and trips to local theme parks and other attractions on Sundays.

Under the direction of School Director Peter Stark, classes will be taught by OBS's full-time faculty and guest teachers. Supervised housing is provided in local dormitories for students who live outside of the Tampa area.

Accomplished intermediate and advanced ballet students will be selected to attend the program during a series of 18 auditions held across the United States. Students interested in auditioning must be at least 11 years old; female students must have prior training on pointe.

“Patel Conservatory Youth Ballet in partnership with Orlando Ballet School truly has the finest instructors for classical ballet,” says Peter Stark, director of OBS and former New York City Ballet dancer. “We provide American training, incorporating precise foot work, classical port de bras and preparation for today's classical ballet companies.”

OBS is accredited with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

As part of the non-profit David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center), the Patel Conservatory offers classes for children and adults of all experience levels in all kinds of dance, music and theater. More information is available by calling 813.222.1002 and by visiting www.patelconservatory.org or www.orlandoballetschool.org, where there is a complete listing of instructors.

Events, days, dates, times, performers and prices are subject to change without notice.

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