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HOME GROWN BALLERINA TAKES OFF FOR THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD

Jacquelyn Long of Virginia Beach has been offered and accepted a position with Houston Ballet II. Miss Long has been studying with The Houston Ballet Academy as a scholarship recipient for the past two summers, and now will move there on June 19, 2010.

Jacquelyn has been an honors company member of Ballet Virginia Internationals Performing Company, and has studied with its faculty for ten years. At 16 years old, Ms. Long has decided to leave her classmates at Cox High school where she is an honor student, to pursue her passion as a classical ballerina. Houston Ballet is one of the top four largest Professional Ballet Companies in the country.

“To be offered this opportunity is a young dancer’s dream comes true” said Janina Michalski Bove one of Jacquelyn’s instructors and co-director of Ballet Virginia International. “She has always been a dream student with the rare qualities of talent, musicality, artistry and drive. Jacquelyn has always understood the art, and is extremely adaptable”. This last statement seems to be agreed upon by the faculty at Houston Ballet, and was a great factor in her acceptance into the 2nd company.

The program Jacquelyn will be joining in Houston, Texas will be the first major step toward her professional career. She will be performing with the second company, with the possibility of a tour, as well as dancing with the main company in their major productions such as The Nutcracker.

Jacquelyn plans to complete her academic requirements this summer, and graduate from high school a year early. She will then will begin her general college education classes on-line with TCC in the Fall. After establishing residency in Houston for a year, she also will have the opportunity to study at University of Houston which has a program designed for the dancers in the Houston Ballet.

We are all proud of Jacquelyn and although will miss her greatly, we wish her love, Merde and many long and healthy years of dancing.
