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BALLET VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE PROGRAM 2009

Instructors hailing from as far away as Europe, Cuba, and Russia, who have studied and worked in such well-known settings as the Juilliard School, NYC Ballet, Dance Theatre of Harlem and Broadway are coming to teach for Ballet Virginia International's eight-week *Summer Dance Intensive Program*. Don't miss this one of a kind opportunity to be a part of, and learn from such diverse instructors.

Along with BVI's talented professional staff, these renowned guest instructors will offer instruction in an assorted dance curriculum, including ballet, pointe, modern, jazz, drama, choreography, and video critique. Beginning June 29, and running through August 21, 2009, dancers 8 years – 21 years old have the opportunity to sign-up for all-day training for either select individual weeks or all eight weeks for only \$235 per weekly session. There are also drop-in classes available.

Guest instructors for the 8-week intensive dance program include:

Roni Mahler – Juilliard School, Ballet San Jose, Ballet Academy East
Todd Fox – Master Class Instructor, Afrikan (South African Ballet Theatre), Cork City Ballet (Ireland), Ballet West (Scotland)
Ginger Thatcher - Cleveland Ballet, Broadway theatre and television credits
Cristian Leverde Konig - National Ballet of Cuba, Milwaukee Ballet, international guest artist
Stacy Calvert - New York City Ballet, featured principal dancer
Duncan Cooper - Dance Theatre of Harlem, San Francisco Ballet, Athletes for Kids
Lorraine Graves - Dance Theatre of Harlem, television credits, Virginia School of the Arts

“This summer intensive is just one more way BVI continues its rich tradition of bringing quality dance education to the Hampton Roads area” says BVI director Suzanne Long.

Director Janina Bove agrees, “By offering this unique summer intensive opportunity that features preeminent ballet professionals to the young dancers of our area, BVI is giving rise to the strength and grace of our talented dancers.”

Please see the Ballet Virginia International (BVI) website, www.balletvirgina.org, or phone BVI at (757) 446 – 1401 for additional details.
