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THE AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING OF SAMUEL H. SCRIPPS STUDIOS

ADF WILL OFFER YEAR ROUND DANCE CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2012

Durham, NC, June 27, 2012 – The American Dance Festival (ADF) is proud to announce the **official grand opening of the Samuel H. Scripps Studios**, located at 721 Broad Street, Durham, NC. The opening of the studios marks the first time in the Festival’s celebrated 79-year history that the organization will own real estate and be able to provide year-round programming at its own facilities. The ADF will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on **Monday, July 2 at 12:00 pm** to celebrate the grand opening with the Durham community. Durham Mayor Bill Bell, as well as ADF Director Jodee Nimerichter, SHS Foundation President and ADF Board Member Richard Feldman, building developer Arthur Rogers of Eno Ventures, LLC, building architect Sasha Berghausen of BLOK Architecture, and ADF’s design consultant Oswald Nagler, among others, will be present to cut the ribbon.

As part of Ms. Nimerichter’s vision to expand the ADF’s reach into the community and dance world at large, and through an incredibly generous donation from the SHS Foundation, the ADF will begin providing year-round dance classes and workshops to the community and will have the opportunity to host choreographic residencies in the new beautifully designed studios.

“As a long time supporter of ADF, the SHS Foundation saw the importance of supporting this initiative by providing the lead gift to take advantage of this incredible space. This space will allow ADF to continue the invaluable work they do within the dance world, as well as in the Durham community. This is another example of new ADF Director Jodee Nimerichter’s leadership and vision, and commitment to the organization’s overall mission,” said SHS Foundation President, Richard Feldman.

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Classes will be offered for all ages and ability levels, taught by distinguished faculty that have been hand selected by the ADF. The classes and workshops provided through this new studio will play an integral part in supporting the ADF's continued commitment to providing a sound scientific/aesthetic base for professional education and training of dancers. Additionally, the ADF is excited to be able to use these studios to mark their commitment to Durham and to build an even larger dance community in the Triangle.

Marking her place in ADF's history, new ADF Director Jodee Nimerichter is delighted to head this expansion of the ADF's renowned programming.

"Having a permanent space has been one of our longtime dreams. It will allow ADF to expand and reaffirm its commitment to making Durham its home and to provide the community with the very best in modern dance training. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a space so close to Duke University's East Campus and our current offices presented itself and we had to take it. We are indebted to our board member Richard Feldman and the SHS Foundation for providing the initial support we needed to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity for the ADF, and hope that the community is as excited as we are," said Nimerichter.

ADF expects to launch a capital campaign in the coming months to complete the funding for this initiative, as well as sustain and support the ADF Educational Programs and Endowment. Community members are invited to walk through the new studios following the ribbon cutting. For detailed information on fall class registration, please visit our website at www.americandancefestival.org.

About ADF:

Founded in 1934 in Bennington, Vermont, the ADF remains an international magnet for choreographers, dancers, teachers, students, critics, musicians, and scholars to learn and create in a supportive environment. The ADF's wide range of programs includes performances, artist services, educational programs and classes, community outreach, national and international projects, archives, humanities projects, publications, and media projects. The ADF has been presenting the best in modern dance for over 78 years.
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