

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Angie's Dance Academy Launches Mountain Ballet Intensive June 16 to 21 and Pre-Professional Ballet Program 2008-09**

Clyde, North Carolina -- May 27, 2008 -- Angie's Dance Academy (ADA) -- one of the premiere dance schools in Western North Carolina -- will launch the first Mountain Ballet Intensive June 16 to 21, 2008 at its studios in Clyde, North Carolina. The Mountain Ballet Intensive also marks the inauguration of ADA's Pre-Professional ballet program for the 2008-09 season.

Nestled in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina, the Mountain Ballet Intensive offers serious ballet students ages 10 and up an all-day professional level ballet training program in a rigorous but supportive class environment. Featuring classes in ballet technique, pointe, variations, partnering, modern, jazz/hip-hop and choreography, the Mountain Ballet Intensive runs from June 16 to 21, 10am to 5pm and culminates with an in-house performance at 2:00pm on Saturday, June 21. The program is directed by ADA ballet master Wayne Burritt and will feature some of Western North Carolina's most acclaimed teaching professionals, including Allison Hertzberg, Amanda Stevenson, and Amy Strickland.

The Mountain Ballet Intensive -- which will be held at ADA's stunning 15,000 square foot, state-of-the-art dance facility -- includes an Intermediate/Advanced level for dancers ages 13 and above and an Intermediate level for dancers ages 10 to 12. The cost is \$300 and interested dancers should contact the ADA Mountain Ballet Intensive hotline at 828-627-3267 or log-on to [www.AngiesDanceAcademy.com](http://www.AngiesDanceAcademy.com) for more information and placement details.

The Mountain Ballet Intensive also marks the inauguration of ADA's 2008-09 Pre-Professional ballet program. The program -- which is the first of its kind in Western North Carolina -- is designed for dancers 8 and older who have a serious interest in ballet. It includes school-year classes in ballet, pointe, jazz, and modern as well as numerous performance opportunities, including ADA's annual *Nutcracker*.

ADA's Pre-Professional ballet program provides the foundation for dancers seeking admission to college dance programs and other professional opportunities. The program is directed by ADA ballet master Wayne Burritt, with assistance from studio owner Angie Henley, and features professional ballet training in an intense but supportive environment. For more information about ADA's Pre-Professional ballet program call Angie's Dance Academy at 828-627-3267 or log-on to [www.AngiesDanceAcademy.com](http://www.AngiesDanceAcademy.com).

#### **About Angie's Dance Academy (ADA)**

ADA opened in 1991 and is considered among the most respected dance schools in the area. Located in Clyde, North Carolina, ADA offers classes in jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical, and hip-hop for dancers ages 3 and up. ADA boasts five dance studios with professional dance flooring, floor to ceiling mirrors, two dressing areas, two large waiting areas, and ample parking areas. The school is directed by dance veteran Angie Henley. For more information call Angie's Dance Academy at 828-627-3267 or log-on to [www.AngiesDanceAcademy.com](http://www.AngiesDanceAcademy.com).

#### **About Wayne Burritt**

Wayne Burritt is ballet master for Angie's Dance Academy and directs the Mountain Ballet Intensive and Pre-Professional ballet program at ADA. A devoted and inspiring teacher, Wayne's students have been placed in some of the most prestigious dance academies and universities in

the U.S., including North Carolina School of the Arts, American Ballet Theatre School, Boston Ballet, Paul Taylor School, Indiana University, New York University, and the University of North Carolina. For more information log-on to [www.WayneBurrittDance.com](http://www.WayneBurrittDance.com).

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