

Boys Scholarship Program 2014



Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Details of the Boys Program (Please read and sign below):

At The Philadelphia Dance Academy, we believe that ballet is for boys too. In September of 2011, PDA began a boys-only class for ages 8 and older, and the 2012-2013 school year brought the addition of a second. We now offer one class for ages 6-10 and one for ages 11 and older. We also offer a Partnering class once a month for Ballet IVB, V, and Boys II.

To encourage boys to foster a love of dance, all boys enrolled in our co-ed Primary or Pre-Professional Divisions (Ballet I and higher) can take ballet class (**not Theater Dance class**) on scholarship. PDA has offered this scholarship for 9 seasons. To date, we have over 20 male students enrolled in all levels, from Creative Movement to Pre-Professional.

2014 Boys Program faculty includes Meredith Rainey, choreographer and former soloist with Pennsylvania Ballet, and Colby Damon, former member of BalletX.

Students who are ages 8 and older and enrolled in 2 or more ballet technique classes (level IIIA or higher) also have the opportunity to audition for The Philadelphia Youth Ballet, PDA's youth company. **Performance fees apply (\$300 includes participation in Nutcracker & PYB events throughout the year).**

If your child performs in The Nutcracker, the \$175 participation fee still applies. If your child performs in the annual Spring Showcase, the \$70 costume and participation fee still applies.

- Acceptance into the boys-only classes is by audition, but no prior dance training is required.
- Dress code is a plain white tee shirt; solid black pants, shorts, or tights; and black or white ballet shoes. For students with financial need, shoes can be provided.
- The class is a year-long commitment. **Students are allowed two absences per semester**, and excessive absence will lead to dismissal from the program.
- The class size will be limited to 12 students. It is a very special opportunity for students to work in a small boys-only group with such exceptional teachers.
- This scholarship only applies to ballet classes, not our Theater Dance program.

We want to make sure students and parents understand their responsibilities so that the program can be a success. Therefore, Student and Parent/Guardian must both sign below if they understand and agree to comply with the above policies.

Student: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____