

NORTHWEST FLORIDA



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### Northwest Florida Ballet Académie to Hold Auditions

March 31, 2011 – Fort Walton Beach, Fla. – The Northwest Florida Ballet Académie will hold auditions for incoming third grade students for the 2011-2012 school year on April 16 and 17, May 7 and 8 at the Northwest Florida Ballet studios located in downtown Fort Walton Beach.

The Northwest Florida Ballet Académie is a free, integrated arts and academic program for third through eighth grade boys and girls who demonstrate the potential to excel in dance. Students receive concentrated instruction in ballet as a part of their overall academic and artistic education. Certified elementary and middle school teachers under the direction of the Okaloosa County School District supervise the academic program. French, art and music are also taught weekly.

Academic students excel academically and receive among the highest scores on the annual Florida Comprehensive Achievement Tests. The NFB Académie has been an A+ school since 2005.

All auditions will be held at the NFB studios located at 310 Perry Avenue SE, Fort Walton Beach. All auditioning must register in advance. A parent open house will also be held on May 3. For more information call Rhonda Starnes at (850) 664-7787 or visit [www.nfballet.org](http://www.nfballet.org).

*The Northwest Florida Ballet celebrates its 41<sup>st</sup> year as a regionally recognized semi-professional ballet company and school. In addition, NFB has developed the nationally acclaimed Académie – an integrated academic and dance education program serving 140 students from the third to eighth grade. The NFB is led by Artistic Director and CEO Todd Eric Allen, an area native. The NFB is funded in part by the Florida Arts Council.*

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