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### **Northwest Florida Ballet Students Accepted to Prestigious Summer Intensive Workshops Across the Nation**

June 6, 2011 – Fort Walton Beach, Fla.- Ten Northwest Florida Ballet School students have been accepted to prestigious summer dance programs across the country.

Dedicated NFB students successfully auditioned for a variety of highly acclaimed summer intensive programs including Pacific Northwest Ballet in Seattle, Joffrey Ballet School, American Ballet Theatre and the Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance in New York City, and Next Generation Ballet at the Patel Conservatory in Tampa. The auditions consist of a master class where students are judged on technique, musicality and their ability to learn and present combinations quickly. Auditionees must compete with hundreds of students for acceptance to the limited number of positions available in the programs.

The students will be studying with the finest professional schools in the country and will have an opportunity to work with a world renowned faculty. Attendees will take multiple classes daily focusing on improving specific aspects of their technique and further developing their artistic abilities.

NFB students Gemma Garlisch and Ella Brummett will attend Pacific Northwest Ballet. Jonathan Carter, Rachel Grimley, Catherine Grimley, Elizabeth Brunckhorst and Amber Yon will attend Joffrey Ballet School. Sabrina Lobner will study with the Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance. Alyssa Nielsen will attend American Ballet Theatre and Lauren Pfalzgraf will study with Next Generation Ballet.

*The Northwest Florida Ballet celebrates its 42<sup>nd</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 Todd Eric Allen, an area native. The NFB is funded in part by the Florida Arts Council.*

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Attached Photo:

Back row, left to right- Lauren Pfalzgraf, Gemma Garlisch, Jonathan Carter, Alyssa Nielsen, Elizabeth Brunckhorst

Front row, left to right – Ella Brummett, Amber Yon, Catherine Grimley, Sabrina Lobner

Not pictured - Rachel Grimley

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