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Non-Profit Dance School Offers Scholarship Audition to Young Hopefuls

MEMPHIS, TN - Ballet On Wheels Dance School & Company (BOW) is hosting its annual dance scholarship audition on Saturday, April 11th from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. at 1015 S. Cooper St., 2nd floor, in Memphis. The scholarship program gives dance students ages 12-18 the opportunity to study many genres of dance throughout the school year, on full or partial scholarships. A minimum of one year of dance training is suggested.

Dance “teaches me determination and it allows me to have fun but yet have some challenges that I need to overcome, and that just transfers into daily life,” says current scholarship recipient Rheya Traylor.

Auditioning students need to wear formal dance clothes or comfortable clothes for movement and will participate in a variety of dance technique classes as part of the audition. Parents and students will find out the results immediately after the audition.

“I want young kids to know that their dream to dance is achievable,” says Chauniece Thompson, founder of BOW, which has been hosting scholarship auditions for the past seven years. Full, yearlong scholarships are valued at \$1,700; partial scholarships are \$900. If selected, students must be available immediately to participate in multiple, weekly dance classes and other related events. The program also has a required community service component.

Current scholarship recipient Kaiah Warr appreciates the opportunities the scholarship has given her. “It’s allowed me to be introduced into a lot of different genres of dance and to be able to dance regularly at a formal studio.” Fellow scholarship recipient Simone Yates also enjoys being in the program: “When I dance, I become really happy. And my mom always tells me that I turn into a different person on stage.”

For more information on the upcoming audition, search #BOWscholarships on Twitter, follow Ballet On Wheels on Facebook, or contact Ballet On Wheels directly at 901-870-4348. Interested students can register at www.balletonwheels.org.

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Ballet On Wheels Dance School is Memphis' only community-based, non-profit classical ballet school and youth dance company. Students who attend BOW receive progressive instruction in the art form and theory of classical ballet, modern, pointe and jazz dance genres.

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