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Dear Dance Teacher/Parent

The New Zealand School of Dance is committed to continuing the Junior Associate programme in 2011. The scheme is designed for young dance students aged 13 upwards, who show a natural potential for classical and/or contemporary dance training. The programme provides a preparatory course for those contemplating entry to the full-time course at New Zealand School of Dance.

All prospective Junior Associates must be attending secondary school in 2011, with the youngest students entering at least Year 9 (Form 3) at the beginning of the 2011 academic year.

There will be a minimum of four weekends of classes in Wellington during 2011 and we hope to extend the programme further. All classes will be provided free of charge but those living further away need to consider transportation and accommodation costs. The New Zealand School of Dance will be seeking sponsorship in an effort to defray costs wherever possible.

The Junior Associates will again be given partial scholarships to attend the New Zealand School of Dance annual Winter School in Wellington in July 2011.

Auditions for entry in 2011 will be held in **Auckland** on Sunday 22nd August 2010, (venue and time to be confirmed) **Wellington** on Sunday 29th August 2010 at the New Zealand School of Dance, (time to be confirmed) and **Christchurch** Sunday 5th September 2010, (venue and time to be confirmed).

We are looking for a small number of exceptionally talented boys and girls to enter the Junior Associate programme. The students who are already on the programme will be notified after their last weekend for 2010, in October, whether they have secured a place to continue on the programme in 2011. New Junior Associates auditioning in Term 3 will be informed near the end of Term 4.

The aim of the programme is to provide complementary training whilst pupils continue to study with their own dance teacher. The Junior Associate classes are supported by The Royal New Zealand Ballet and, where possible, the Junior Associates will enjoy an active relationship with the Company including master-classes with the Royal New Zealand Ballet while on tour.

Either teachers or parents should sign the application form on the applicant's behalf, consequently acknowledging the student's intent to audition.

NB All applicants should enclose a short hand written paragraph on why they wish to become a Junior Associate at New Zealand School of Dance.

Please ensure that both photographs are printed on photographic paper, that the full-length photo is POSTCARD SIZE only, and the head & shoulders photo is PASSPORT SIZE.

If you have any further questions regarding this programme please do not hesitate to contact:
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Yours sincerely,



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