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Local Ballet Dancers Accepted Into Prestigious NYC Program

EDMOND, OKLAHOMA—Local ballet students Andrea Wolf, Jenna McCoy, and Emily Fry have been accepted to attend the prestigious Ellison Ballet Summer Intensive (EB-SI) in New York City in the summer of 2010. All three girls are currently students at Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts in Edmond.

“I am very proud of Andrea, Jenna, and Emily,” commented Lisa Webb, Director/Owner/Teacher of Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts. “I have trained Jenna and Andrea since they were four years old. It is rewarding to see these talented students embrace a love of classical ballet and work hard to make their dreams come true. Their acceptance into this exclusive program is a great achievement for them.”

Under the direction of Edward Ellison, the EB-SI has become a destination for some of the most talented students in North America and abroad. This four-week session is designed for students who wish to experience concentrated exposure to exceptional ballet training in New York City- the mecca of the dance world, according to www.ellisonballet.com.

Ellison, formerly of San Francisco Ballet, has traveled the world sharing his expertise as a master teacher. He has taught in schools such as American Ballet Theatre, Houston Ballet, Alvin Ailey, and the Metropolitan Opera Ballet. Ellison has had many students win awards at international dance competitions, including Emily Kadow, who competed in the Moscow International Ballet Competition in 2009.

Wolf, 16, is a sophomore at Heritage Hall and is the daughter of Dale and Jimmika Wolf. McCoy, 15, is a sophomore at Deer Creek High School and is the daughter of Dr. Wade and Sarah McCoy. Fry, 12, is a seventh grader at Stillwater Middle School and is the daughter of Don and Pamela Fry. The three dancers will travel to NYC at the end of July to begin their tutelage at EB-SI.

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