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Young Dancers Accepted to Prestigious Program

EDMOND, OKLAHOMA—Local ballet dancers Irene Mann, Bridget Novak and Cassie Mason have all been accepted by audition to attend the Kirov Academy in the summer of 2010. All three girls are students at Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts in Edmond.

“I am so incredibly proud of Irene, Bridget and Cassie. They work hard each week to improve their ballet technique, and they are now reaping the rewards. Having the opportunity to attend such a well-known program at their young age is the chance of a lifetime,” said Lisa Webb, Owner/Director/Teacher at ABTA.

Located in Washington, D.C., the Kirov Academy was established in September 1990, and has since grown into an internationally recognized ballet training program. During the academy’s summer session, students train for 5 to 6 hours per day, taking classes in ballet technique, pointe, pas de deux, character, jazz and nutrition.

Irene is the daughter of Vera Mann of Edmond and Mark Mann of Tulsa, and attends Classen School of Advanced Studies. Bridget is the daughter of James and Nancy Novak of Oklahoma City and attends Bishop McGuiness High School. Cassie is the daughter of James and Marlys Mason and attends Stillwater Middle School.

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