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Diamondhead School of Fine Arts (DSFA) Announces No-Cost Ballet Apprenticeship Program Led by Master Dancer Sarah Shelton

Diamondhead, MS — January 23, 2025— The Diamondhead School of Fine Arts (DSFA) is excited to announce a new opportunity for aspiring dancers to elevate their skills with the DSFA Ballet Apprenticeship Program. Under the expert guidance of renowned master dancer Sarah Shelton, the program offers free weekly sessions designed to refine pointe and pre-pointe technique, as well as develop classical ballet choreography skills.

This apprenticeship is open to dancers 13 years and older with at least 4 years of dance experience. Once selected, apprentices will receive one hour of expert instruction each week, focusing on perfecting technical skill and artistic expression in ballet. Dancers will also represent DSFA at various community events and functions, gaining invaluable performance experience.

“We are focused on strengthening classically trained ballerinas,” said Sarah Shelton, program director and master dancer. “This program is about refining technique, not about competing. While competitions may offer exposure, our priority is on the artistry and the discipline that come with classical ballet training. We are dedicated to helping dancers grow as artists and technically proficient dancers, preparing them for the stage and the professional world.”

Program Highlights:

Eligibility: Open to dancers 13 years or older with at least 4 years of dance experience.

Training Focus: Free weekly instruction in pointe and pre-pointe techniques, as well as classical ballet choreography.

Performance Requirements: Apprentices will represent DSFA at various functions and community events.

Application Process: Interested applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and apply at dsfaglobal.org/dance after the application is submitted the instructor will schedule a time to audition.

This apprenticeship program provides an extraordinary chance for dancers to advance their training without the financial burden of tuition fees, in line with DSFA’s ongoing commitment to supporting the growth of the local dance community.

For more information, to apply, or to schedule an interview, please contact:

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