

# NEW JERSEY Stage

## New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble to Open Facility In Summit



February 19, 2015 (SUMMIT, NJ) -- New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble (NJDTE) is thrilled to announce that it will open its brand new state-of-the-art facility at 315B Springfield Avenue in Summit this June. The company's renowned Summer Intensive and Young Dancers Program, held July 13-31, will be the inaugural classes in the new space.

NJDTE will transform an 8,800-square-foot warehouse space into a welcoming home for talented young dancers to pursue their dreams of a professional career in dance. Designed by Christopher Welsh, the new facility features 4,700 square feet of dance space, including four spacious, high-ceilinged studios. It is the culmination of Artistic Director Nancy Turano's vision for the company as the pre-eminent contemporary youth dance company in the region.

"This is an exciting time for NJDTE and a natural result of 45 years of sustaining excellent programming. Over the past few years, we have been expanding our pre-professional opportunities for dancers from New Jersey with tremendous results, and will continue that mission this summer with a faculty of incredible master teachers," Turano said.

This summer's instructors include dance luminaries Elizabeth Koeppen (Associate Director, Parsons Dance), Juan Carlos Peñuela (Ballet Master, Ballet Hispanico), Mercedes Pablos (SUNY Purchase), Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich (NJ Ballet), Kate Skarpetowska (Lar Lubovitch Company), Belinda McGuire (Limón Dance Company) and Lenore Pavlakos-Morales (Dance Theatre of Harlem).

Moving forward, Turano added, "our new space will also provide residency opportunities for cutting-edge choreographers to create new works. We look forward to becoming a part of the thriving Summit community and adding our voice to the city's already rich cultural landscape by partnering with local arts organizations, schools and businesses."

The NJDTE Summer Intensive is designed for the serious dance student ages 13-17. The program concentrates on strengthening the dancer's technique with daily classes in ballet, pointe, modern and contemporary dance as well as additional classes in Pilates, yoga, floor barre, dance history, anatomy, and lectures on dance psychology and health & wellness. Dancers have the opportunity to learn repertory works by world-class choreographers in addition to working with cutting-edge dancemakers to create new works for the Ensemble. Commuter and resident options are available, with housing at the beautiful Grand Summit Hotel.

The NJDTE Young Dancers Program, for intermediate and advanced dancers ages 7-12, includes nine days focusing on ballet and modern techniques and includes an introduction to musical theatre, yoga, Pilates, dance history and repertoire. Each day includes warm-up with Pilates or yoga, two technique classes, then repertory or dance history with renowned NJDTE faculty.