

American Youth Ballet Company  
Community Alliance for the Performing Arts Fund  
P.O. Box 2953  
Williamsburg, VA. 23187

# American Youth Ballet

Sandra Balestracci  
Founding Artistic Director

**CLASSICAL BALLET  
INTENSIVE 2011  
August 1-20**



Classes held at the  
**Eastern Virginia School  
for the Performing Arts  
(AYB Studios)**

1915 Pocahontas Trail C-6  
Village Shops  
Williamsburg, Va. 23185

Located between  
Busch Gardens and Water Country

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**American Youth Ballet Summer Intensive 2011** will take place at the Eastern Virginia School for the Performing Arts (EVSPA), in historic Williamsburg, Virginia.

The American Youth Ballet (AYB) Summer Intensive focuses on building the whole dancer centering on the Vaganova ballet technique, which originated at the Vaganova Choreographic Institute in Russia. Also offered are those studies and disciplines which compliment the professional development of the serious dancer, such as partnering, character dance, dance history, etc.

The AYB's three week program is designed to provide professional ballet training, nurture individual artistic qualities and help the student to improve their technique with personal instruction. AYB's faculty is an international group of brilliant instructors whose backgrounds provide students with a variety of artistic influences giving them positive, constructive experiences during their classes.

EVSPA has a long history of successfully training aspiring young dancers who have joined ballet companies the world over. The commitment of EVSPA and AYB to artistic excellence and continuously producing wonderful and well-balanced artists in both dance and musical theater has been lauded by critics, the theatrical world and the public alike.

I know you are coming here to work hard and our staff is ready to help you with whatever your needs are. Be prepared for a wonderful summer here in beautiful Williamsburg. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you.

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## APPLICATION FORM AYB Summer Intensive 2011

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ M/F

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Dance experience \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This form confirms your registration.  
Additional paper work will be sent after  
application and payment has been  
received.**

**Make Checks payable to:**  
Community Alliance for the Performing Arts  
P.O. Box 2953 · Williamsburg, VA. 23187

Credit Card payments available. (3% fee)

**For further information please visit  
www.capafund.org  
Email: [capa@capafund.org](mailto:capa@capafund.org)  
Phone: 757. 229. 8535  
Fax: 757. 220. 9091**

# American Youth Ballet Summer Intensive August 1–20 Williamsburg , VA



American Youth Ballet Company is directed by Sandra Balestracci. It is where students under her tutelage at the Eastern Virginia School for the Performing Arts have an opportunity to showcase their skills in highly professional productions produced by the Community Alliance for the Performing Arts.



## AUDITION

**Saturday, March 26, 2011**

**Master Classes conducted by  
Madame Adrienne Dellas –Thornton**

**Fee: \$30.00 (Cash only)**

**10:30 am-12:30 pm**

**Advanced & Advanced-Intermediate (Ages 15 & up)  
(3 or more years of training/Pointe necessary)**

**1:00-3:00 pm**

**Intermediate (Ages 10-14)  
(3 yrs. of ballet training necessary / bring Pointe shoes)**

### **Instructional Information**

- \*Arrive 1 hour prior to your audition time.
- \*Complete the registration and include the Class Fee.
- \*Headshot, full body photo in first arabesque.
- \*Be prepared to take a ballet technique class and pointe.
- \*Ladies: pink tights, black leotard, ballet / pointe shoes.
- \*Gentlemen: white top, black tights and ballet shoes.

### **VIDEO AUDITION**

**If auditioning by video, please mail the following:**

Completed Registration and Audition Fee of \$25.00  
Payable to :  
Community Alliance for the Performing Arts Fund.

1. Full-length dance photo in 1st arabesque and headshot.
2. Video auditions need to be in DVD or VHS format.
3. Beginning of video, please state your name and age.
4. 10-15 minute video showing barre and center work, pointe or men's work.
5. Letter of recommendation from your current teacher.

Mail to: CAPA Fund P.O. Box 2953  
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You will be notified by March 2011 upon acceptance into the AYB Summer Intensive program.

Please refer to the fees and payment schedule regarding payment deadlines. Please note the deadline for all video submissions is March 5, 2011.

## FEES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

**Register early to insure acceptance.**

**Cost of the three week session \$925.00**  
(does not include housing or meals)

**Non-Refundable Deposit \$200**  
**due by March 16, 2011 w/ application**

**Final Payment (non-refundable)**  
**due before April 15, 2011**

## SCHEDULE

**July 31 Orientation / Placement 2:00 pm**  
**August 1-20 Classes 9:30am- 3:30pm M-F**  
**August 20 Student Showcase**

**CLASSES:** The classes offered are Classical Ballet Technique, Pointe, Variations, Pas de deux, Jazz, Modern, and Character. Levels will be determined at the Placement Audition.

**HOUSING:** Limited number of host families are available upon request on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact the Admissions office for this option and long stay efficiency suite information at 757.229.8535 or email Carol Cutting at ccutting@evspa.org.

**FACILITY:** Eastern Virginia School for the Performing Arts has three professional ballet studios with Marley covered sprung floors, dressing rooms and a lovely waiting area for parents. The parking lot is located at the entrance of The Village Shops offering a safe drop off zone for students.

**STUDENT SHOWCASE:** Classes are highlighted in a short program on Saturday, August 20.

**EXTRA ACTIVITIES:** Williamsburg offers many wonderful activities, such as Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, and Water Country to enjoy on free days from the Intensive.

## INTERNATIONAL GUEST FACULTY

**Madame Adrienne Dellas-Thornton** is an Internationally known Master Teacher and Choreographer. At present she teaches on the faculties of Pennsylvania Regional Ballet, Harrisburg Ballet Theatre, Hope Garden Ballet and choreographs for the American Youth Ballet, Pennsylvania Regional Ballet and the Kirov Ballet Academy where she taught Vaganova ballet technique for 10 years. Madame Dellas is the Artistic Director Emeritus of both Universal Ballet Company in Seoul, Korea and Debbie Allen Dance Academy in L.A.

**Yeu Jung Lee** was born in Seoul, Korea 1974. In 2000, she was selected as a recipient of the Samsung MAMPIST Award for Artistic Excellence in Dance, and studied at the world renowned Vaganova Academy of Ballet in St. Petersburg, Russia. She graduated from the University of Maryland in 2003 with a BA in Dance. Ms. Lee is on staff at the Kirov Ballet Academy in Washington DC.

**Rossana Nesta Gahagan** began ballet studies in Italy at the School of "Balletto di Roma" and attended the "Accademia Nazionale di Danza, Roma" where she earned her BA in Vaganova Ballet Technique. Ms. Gahagan performed with Teatro dell'Opera and the Company of Balletto di Roma in Rome (Italy). She is co-director of the International Ballet Academy, NC.

**Anton Wilson** has taught, choreographed and toured internationally for over 25 years. He has performed with Jennifer Muller/The Works, NY, Les Ballet Trockadero de Monte Carlo, Djazzex, Holland, among others. Mr. Wilson is a 2007 and 2009 recipient of the Maryland State Arts Council's Individual Artist Award for choreography. Currently teaches dance at the Baltimore for the Arts.

**Andrei Yemelianov** was trained at the Kiev Ballet in Ukraine. He has performed with the Jewish Independent Theatre and the Donetsk Ballet and is presently teaching at the Academie de Ballet in Chesapeake, Virginia.

**Jay Staten** began his studies at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in D.C. and graduated with a BFA in dance from Marymount Manhattan College. Mr. Staten was a principal dancer with Philadanco and Artistic Director of D3 Philadanco's performing Children's Dance Ensemble. He performed works by many world choreographers such as Mark Morris, Jose Limon, Lynn Taylor Corbett and Louie Falco.