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Dear Friend of FDC:

This letter is to inform you of Florida Dance Conservatory and how you can contribute to one of South Florida's youth arts' organizations. FDC offers pre-professional training in dance, music and theatre for ages three to eighteen. This year marks our eighth season and we have become one of the premier dance schools in West Palm Beach. Since opening in June 2009, we have performed in various community venues as well as three seasonal main stage performances featuring our pre-professional Youth Ensemble dancers. We have been chosen to dance in the Florida Youth Dance Gala with just under twenty schools throughout the state of Florida, A Love Affair with less than ten local schools, as well as being favorite performers at the Norton Sculpture Gardens Festival of the Trees and the Mandel Public Library. Our Youth Ensemble performance group has attended and received medals in multiple competitions, participated in educational workshops at FSU and Disney World, as well as having the opportunity to showcase their talents by performing at Disney World.

Our graduates are attending universities such as: Julliard, Carnegie Mellon, Cornell, Florida State University, New World School of the Arts, University of South Florida, University of Florida, University of Washington at St. Louis and Florida Gulf Coast. In addition to this, Youth Ensemble dancers have attended many summer intensives including: Joffrey Ballet, Alvin Ailey, Hubbard Street, Houston Ballet, Next Generation Youth Ballet, Ballet Met, Richmond Ballet, Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, Miami City Ballet, Kirov Academy, American Ballet Theatre and Orlando Ballet.

In order to allow our organization to continue to grow and function as a pre-professional school, we rely on donations from our patrons. Tuition only covers our annual operating budget. Therefore it is necessary to fundraise to cover upgrades or any special needs of our school. Proceeds from the event are used to benefit all of our students and families. Our pasta dinner performance is our biggest annual fundraiser and has a silent auction, dinner and performance by our young pre-school dancers, students in Musical Theater and Hip Hop and our Youth Ensemble. Some of our advanced Youth Ensemble dancers create their own original work and have it performed for a live audience at the performance. Many times, this has shown some of our young dancers a new passion for the art of choreography. It has also been an incredible venue to showcase the variety of talent we house at FDC.

Florida Dance Conservatory is a fiscally sponsored project by Fractured Atlas. Fractured Atlas is a 501c3 non-profit arts service organization that allows us to receive tax- deductible donations, grants, etc. Fractured Atlas works as an umbrella company to Florida Dance Conservatory so that we do not have to incur the costs and tasks of running a non-profit organization.

Please consider making a donation to our Auction to benefit our school. You may also make a larger tax-deductible donation to FDC by visiting Fractured Atlas' website at [www.fracturedatlas.org](http://www.fracturedatlas.org). Please make sure you click on Florida Dance Conservatory to ensure we receive the donation.

We thank you in advance for your generous support.

Sincerely,

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