



Gábor Keveházi, HNBC Artistic Director

Dear Applicants,

I welcome and encourage the new applications for the upcoming 2010 Hungarian National Ballet Company's Summer International. There are few settings and courses that can duplicate the feeling of a professional company like the one we will create. Our events include a challenging three week course in technique that we hope will move each dancer closer to their potential and career options. We are a 125 year old, 109 Member Company steeped in tradition; that extensive experience is here, front and center, for each participant that is accepted to the program.



There are no guarantees in the world of dance. It is a rigorous and very subjective arena that is largely dependent upon the discretion of Artistic Directors who are seeking the right matches for their companies. Not every dancer fits every company and vice versa. Often, Companies are restricted by budget even though we would like to hire every capable dancer. To that end, our HNBCSI has been developed to help dancers find a place without the extensive travel, without the crowded auditions, without undue stress and be cost effective for dancer and director alike. This forum is a rare chance for dancers to develop their best sides in classical, contemporary and character technique and be able to demonstrate those skill sets in an optimal environment. After a three week intensive, participants will be able to perform in the Hungarian State Opera House before the public, a full house and decision makers in the international community of dance.

In addition to possible contracts, deserving dancers will simultaneously opt for competition accolades and awards, scholarships and internships with European companies.

Again, there are no guarantees about employment, awards or extrinsic gain. I can guarantee, however, that this summer in Budapest will be an elite experience that will help launch the serious dancer onto a new level.

To those who are accepted, I look forward to meeting and teaching you each personally.

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