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Mobile Ballet Eastern Shore Studio Ribbon Cutting and Open House

Mobile Ballet invites the community to join us in celebrating our Eastern Shore Studio's new location on Friday, February 23. A Ribbon Cutting ceremony with Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce will be held from 3:30 to 4:00 pm, followed by an Open House from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Guests are welcome to come tour the new studio, meet faculty and staff, register for classes, and learn more about Mobile Ballet. The event is free and open to the public.

Mobile Ballet's Eastern Shore studio has been in operation since 2005, and has just moved to a new larger location in the heart of Daphne at 26150 Equity Drive. This exciting development represents a significant milestone in Mobile Ballet's growth and commitment to providing exceptional dance education and performances for communities on both sides of the Bay.

Mobile Ballet, a non-profit organization founded in 1987, is the premier classical ballet school and performing company in south Alabama. Steady growth has brought the need for a larger Eastern Shore facility to the forefront in recent years, and thanks to consistent community support, Mobile Ballet was able to purchase and renovate a larger building and move forward with expansion plans in 2023.

The new facility includes three spacious sprung-floor studios, and is thoughtfully designed so that we may offer a similar breadth and number of classes as our Mobile location, as well as accommodate rehearsals and community programs. Having flexible studio space which can be utilized for dance instruction as well as performances and events will allow us to increase our offerings and expand community partnerships in Baldwin County.

Mobile Ballet received an Arts and Cultural Facilities Grant from Alabama State Council on the Arts for our Eastern Shore Studio expansion project. Receiving this grant signifies that through this project, Mobile Ballet is making Alabama's communities stronger and our state's arts and culture sector more vibrant. This project has also been made possible by the generous support of many corporate and individual donors through our Pointe to the Future Capital Campaign, and was brought to life by the work and support of BES Incorporated, Goodwyn Mills Cawood, Gaillard Builders, and many local service providers, volunteers, and supporters. We are still in the process of reconfiguring and optimizing the parking layout and completing some additional features, and our capital campaign is ongoing as we continue to seek support for the final phases of this project.

The Mobile Ballet School provides excellent dance instruction to students age 3 to adult, from beginner to pre-professional, at our studios in Mobile and Daphne. Classes are offered in ballet, pointe, jazz, contemporary, tap, conditioning, and more, with performance opportunities at every level. Exceptional dance training is provided by highly qualified instructors focused on the individual development of each student, in a professional, encouraging, and inclusive atmosphere.

Enrollment is open for new students. More information can be found at <u>www.mobileballet.org</u> or by contacting Mobile Ballet at info@mobileballet.org or 251-342-2241.

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Location: 26150 Equity Drive Daphne, Alabama 36526

Date: Friday, February 23, 2024

Time: 3:30-4:00pm - Ribbon Cutting with Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce 4:00-6:00pm - Open House

<u>About Mobile Ballet:</u> Mobile Ballet is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1987, renowned for its world-class performances, excellent dance training, and impactful educational programs. Mobile Ballet is the premier classical ballet school and performing company in south Alabama, with studios in Mobile and Daphne, Alabama. For more information, visit <u>www.mobileballet.org</u> or contact Mobile Ballet at info@mobileballet.org or 251-342-2241.

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