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TARGET SPONSORS DALLAS BLACK DANCE ACADEMY FREE DANCE INTEGRATION CLASSES IN 21 SCHOOLS

Dallas, Texas – **Dallas Black Dance Academy** is preparing for its ninth year of instructing free Dance Integration classes for school districts across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, thanks to the sponsorship of **Target**. Last school year almost 800 students in nine school districts took part in the **Dance Integration Residency Program** classes that combined dance with their academic curriculum.

K-12 students in 21 schools explored abstract concepts like symmetry, gravity, and geography through dance. The residencies are tailored to meet the specific academic challenges faced by each school. The classes also helped students improve creative thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. Last year students from Dallas, DeSoto, Fort Worth, Glen Heights, Garland, Grand Prairie, Mesquite, Richardson, and Rowlett school districts took part in the program. If your school or school district would like to learn how to get involved in the DBDT Dance Integration Residency Program, email academy@dbdt.com.

Dallas Black Dance Academy, the official school of **Dallas Black Dance Theatre**, is celebrating 45 years of delivering dance instruction to a community of diverse backgrounds. Over 550 students, ages four to adult, participate weekly in 50 dance classes of ballet, jazz, tap, modern, and African at DBDT studios. The academy has three performing ensembles: Allegro Performing Ensemble (DBDT's premier academy ensemble), Senior Performing Ensemble, and Junior Performing Ensemble. For more details visit www.DBDT.com and www.dbdt.com/academy.



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