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On 1st anniversary, Ballet Conservatory of Asheville grows and moves to new place

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ASHEVILLE — When Angie Lynn started planning her 1-year-old Ballet Conservatory of Asheville, she expected that she would be leading a small school.

But it turns out, there were many more young people than she expected in Asheville who wanted a pre-professional dance school.

“Asheville was ready for us, and we were ready for Asheville,” Lynn said. More than 250 students participated in programming during the first year.

On Thursday, some of these dancers will showcase this passion in “A Summer Afternoon Dance Concert,” featuring variations from “Sleeping Beauty,” “Coppelia,” jazz, contemporary and modern pieces. More than 25 students from the conservatory’s Summer Ballet Intensive will perform.

The Summer Ballet Intensive classes have also been the first crop of students to use the newly renovated Five Points Studios at 6 E. Chestnut St.

“Just a couple of weeks ago, we moved into the new studio,” Lynn said. “We are so happy to be there. It’s so nice to be in the new building with a new professional spring floor.”

The new space includes three studios — and more opportunities to expand. Interested students can already sign up for classes in the fall.

On Aug. 14, the Ballet Conservatory of Asheville will host an open house with free ballet classes at Five Points Studios. The classes will be 10:30-11 a.m. for ages 3-5 and 12:30-1 p.m. ages 6-8. The open house will be 2:30-5 p.m. for all ages, and will include live music, a tour of the studio and opportunity to meet faculty and register for classes.

Make reservations at 255-5777 or www.balletconservatoryofasheville.com.



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When: 2-3 p.m. Thursday.
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