

MEDIA ALERT

Young hopefuls set to audition for chance to dance with International Stars of Ballet



What: Noosa Longweekend Festival ballet scholarship auditions
When: Saturday March 27, 10am – 4pm.
Where: Noosa Professional Dance Academy, Unit 1, 15 Lionel Donovan Dr, Noosaville
 Phone: (07) 5474 4487

Photo/interview: Auditions will involve groups of up to 15 dancers taking a 45 minute class with professional ballet masters John Vye and Mark Brinkley before an adjudication panel of industry professionals.

Noosa Longweekend Festival General Manager, Ian Mackellar will be in attendance.

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The nerves will be on high alert this Saturday (March 27) as ballet dancers aged 14 years and over audition for one of 12 scholarship opportunities to join internationally renowned, principal ballet dancer, **Damian Smith** and world renowned choreographer, **Parrish Maynard** for a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend four, private, 2 hour ballet master classes to be held as part of the annual, 10 day **Noosa Longweekend Festival** of dance, theatre, music, literature, film, art and food.

Whilst the vast majority of dancers hail from the Sunshine Coast region a few Brisbane dancers will also be joining the group of hopefuls.

The 12 scholarship winners will be announced on **Tuesday April 27** at the Festival's official program launch and will receive the chance to get 'up close and personal' with seven principal, international standard ballet dancers performing in two, Australian exclusive *International Stars of Ballet* performances during the 130 event, Noosa Longweekend Festival to be held from June 18 – June 27.

Festival General Manager **Ian Mackellar** said that festivals such as the Noosa Longweekend permitted locals the opportunity to follow their dreams and mingle with international dance stars such as Damian and Parrish. For those unsuccessful in gaining a scholarship position, two, open master classes will be held on June 19 and 20 also facilitated by Parrish for a small tuition fee.

The International Stars of Ballet program is proudly presented by Netanya Resort - Noosa.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- The 2010 Noosa Longweekend Festival will be held from Friday, June 18 – Sunday, June 27.
- The 10 day program will include 130 free and ticketed events.
- The official program launch will take place on Tuesday, April 27.
- Tickets will be on sale from 10am, May 5. Visit www.noosalongweekend.com for details

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