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Welcome Back!

I hope your summer was eventful and fun; now we must transition into fall and get back to our yearly routine.

Jones Haywood (JH) has special things in store for students this year. Among them are opportunities for students to attend the Tapology festival in Flint, Michigan and the International Association of Blacks in Dance in Denver, Colorado. The Jones Haywood Parent Association (JHPA) also has some exciting field trips planned for all classes to see local upcoming productions. Our students will enjoy *Zomo the Rabbit: A Hip-Hop Myth* at the Imagination Stage; *Oman!* a Debbie Allen feature at the Kennedy Center. and parents can come out to see *Ragtime* at the Kennedy

Center—something just for us .

We hope you will come to the first **Parent Association meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8—time TBD**. We have many new faces and it will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know everyone. Also, at our upcoming Parent Association meeting please be ready to select and vote on new officers. It's been my pleasure to serve you all, and my helping hand will always be around.

As you know, the Parent Association is always working behind the scenes exploring additional opportunities for our students, so stay tuned as new developments are sure to come. As a reminder, the Parent

Association has a new e-mail address: [www.joneshaywoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:www.joneshaywoodpta@gmail.com). This will be the mode of communication used by the Parent Association to communicate with parents. Please be sure that you have completed the Parent Directory form issued during registration because the JHPA will use these forms to store your contact information. **Also, if you have not paid your parent association fee(s), kindly do so as soon as possible.**

Finally, I hope to see most of you on Saturday at the JH yard sale to benefit the Jones Haywood School of Dance! JH umbrellas and car magnets will be on display and sale.

## Where Dancers Extend Their Reach

*Jones-Haywood School Alumni Are Proud Its Tradition Will Continue*

By Timothy Wilson

Washington Post Staff Writer Thursday, July 10, 2008; Page DZ03

For more than 50 years, hundreds of young dancers made their way to the Jones-Haywood School of Dance at Georgia Avenue and Delafield Place NW for the opportunity to be molded and trained under the discerning eyes of Doris Jones. After Jones's death two years ago, former and current students wondered about the fate of a place many considered a second home.



Photo by Steven M. Cummings

When a funeral home offered to buy the property from Jones's estate, the school's creative director, Sandra Fortune-Green, looked inward and relied on the discipline instilled by her mentors to preserve a school cherished by generations of black dancers. "This is the school that I grew up in," said Fortune-Green, 57, who purchased the property last year with her husband, Joseph. "My whole career came right out of this school."

In August, the school, founded by Jones and Claire Haywood in 1941, will be marked by a plaque as a destination along the African American Heritage Trail by Cultural Tourism DC. Parents and alumni are more than delighted that one of their own kept the doors open. "There was no greater candidate to continue the tradition than Sandra," said Peter M. Newman Sr., 56, a former student whose daughter Malaika, 15, attends the school.

The school's tradition has produced performers such as Kennedy Center honoree Chita Rivera, three-time Tony Award winner Hinton Battle, choreographer Louis Johnson and Renee Robinson, who joined the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater in 1981 and remains the longest-tenured female dancer in the company's history. "The history of Jones-Haywood is actually richer than this new generation even knows," said Patricia Peersada, 54, who, like her daughter Aidaa, 17, began attending the school when she was 4. "A lot of African American legacies don't get to continue because there's no one trained to continue."

While retaining the lofty expectations of the past, Fortune-Green has moved the school forward by creating an upper division that held its first performance June 29 at American University's Harold and Sylvia Greenberg Theatre. Twenty-four students performed several original pieces choreographed by Assane Konte, artistic director of Kankouran West African Dance Company; Stephanie Powell, founder of Baltimore Dance Tech; and members of the Jones-Haywood faculty. Jones's "Bach Vibrations," a choreographed tap dance piece set to the music of the classical composer, was restaged by Keith Lee, founder of the Dance Theatre of Lynchburg, and performed by students from both companies.

"It's all about these young people," Fortune-Green said. "When they come out onstage, I know that my work is worthwhile."

***The Washington Post***

***Check us out on the  
Web:***



**WWW.JONESHAYWOOD.COM**

# *JH Student Opportunities*



**TAPOLOGY.ORG**

**Tapology: Science of Dance,  
Art of Rhythm (Tap Dance Festival)**

**October 23 - 26, 2008 - Flint, MI Hosted by  
Flint Institute of Music**

**Open to all JH students currently enrolled in  
a tap class. The cost per person to participate  
is \$175 per person (plus a registration fee):**

**Quynn Johnson, Instructor, JH Tap Ensemble,  
will attend as a chaperone on site; additional  
chaperones are needed. Contact the  
JHPA for more information.**



**JH CAMPING TRIP — OCT 11-12, 2008**

The Jones Haywood camping trip to the YMCA's Camp Letts in Edgewater, MD, was recently re-scheduled due to inclement weather. The new dates are **Saturday, October 11 and Sunday October 12**. Arrival time is 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and departure is 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.

**The cost is \$115 per person for one night and includes three meals.** Families are welcome and children under 3 are free. If you did not originally sign up, but would like to attend, please let us know ASAP.

Please visit [www.campletts.org](http://www.campletts.org) for more information about YMCA Camp Letts.

## **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN DANCE**

The **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN DANCE (IABD)** has become the Mecca for Blacks in Dance such as artists, dance companies, directors, choreographers, those interested in black dance issues, performance showcases, and artistry. The Association, founded in 1988, provides a network, formal newsletters, choreographers directory, published papers and is the raison d'être for the annual conference. The Association also responds to and initiates dialogue around issues that impact the Black Dance Community as well as the community at large.

The [IABD Conference](#) has become the convergence of ideas and interaction not only for the dance community, but also for those who serve the black community, especially the black critics

association and educators.

### **"2009 IABD Conference"**

*Join the Movement:  
Healing Power of Art II*  
January 29 - February 1, 2009  
The Westin Tabor Center  
Denver, Colorado  
Reservations: (303) 572-9100

[http://www.howard.edu/collegefinearts/  
iabdassociation/Home.html](http://www.howard.edu/collegefinearts/iabdassociation/Home.html)

***Please see Ms. Fortune-Green for more  
information about this Upper Division  
Student Opportunity.***

***Do we have your child's t-shirt size? Please see the back page of this form to see if your child's name is listed. If so, we are either missing information about your child's tshirt size or your Parent Association fee has not been paid or both.***

***Please note that we need to place tshirt orders as soon as possible.***

Newsletter of the Jones-Haywood School of Dance Parent Association

**The Parent Association** says thanks to all those parents who volunteered their time and purchased and donated snacks and beverages last school year.

We are gearing up for a new school year and we need your help again this year. Please let us know if you would be willing to help out.



**Here's How to Contact us:**

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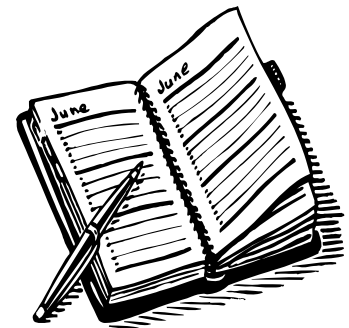
By email:  
joneshaywoodpta@gmail.com

**Please plan to attend the first Parent Association meeting on Saturday, Nov. 8 — time TBD.**

If you have not received your 2008 JH Parent Directory, please inquire at the front desk. Special thanks to Sandi Alexander (Che'la's mom) for pulling it all together. Be sure to return your 2008-2009 directory form as soon as possible, and be sure to add your child's tshirt size.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- October 4 — JH Benefit Yard Sale
- October 11-12 — JH Camping Trip (There's still time to register.)
- October 13 — Columbus Day — No classes
- October 24-27 — Tapology Field Trip — Flint, Michigan
- November 4 — Election Day — No classes
- November 11 — Veteran's Day — No classes
- November 26-28 — Thanksgiving Holiday — No Classes
- December 1 — Classes Resume
- December 21-January 4 — Winter Break — No classes
- January 5 — Classes Resume



***Be sure to purchase your JH umbrella and car magnets now on sale.***



REMEMBER, JH IS CLOSED  
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13—  
COLUMBUS DAY

## 2008-09 SCHEDULE

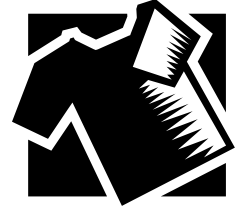
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5:30-7:00 <b>Modern Tech.</b> <u>Upper Division</u> <i>Lee</i>	6:00-7:30 <b>Ballet I</b> <u>Part 1 &amp; Part 2</u> <i>Ramey</i>	5:30-6:30 <b>Ballet Tech.</b> <u>Level III</u> <u>Lower Division</u> <i>Fortune-Green</i>	
7:00-8:30 <b>Ballet Tech.</b> <u>Upper Division</u> <i>Higgins</i>	7:30-8:30 <b>Tap</b> <u>INT/ADV</u> (open class) <i>Joy</i>	6:30-7:30 <b>Children's Rep.</b> <u>Level III</u> <u>Lower Division</u> <i>Fortune-Green</i>	6:30-7:45 <b>Tap Ensemble</b> <u>Lower Division</u> <i>Johnson</i>
		7:30-8:45 <b>Pointe Tech.</b> <u>Upper Division</u> <i>Sloan</i>	

There are currently no Friday classes scheduled.

### Saturday

10:00-11:30	<b>Pre Ballet I</b>	Ramey
11:30-1:00	<b>Pre-Ballet II</b>	Ramey
1:00-2:00	<b>Ballet I/Part 1 &amp; Part 2</b>	Ramey
2:00-3:30	<b>Ballet III/Lower Division</b>	Fortune-Green
3:30-4:30	<b>Ballet III Intro to Pointe / Lower Division</b>	Fortune-Green
4:30-6:00	<b>Ballet Tech./Upper Division</b>	Higgins/Sloan
6:00-7:30	<b>Hip Hop</b>	Gordon

# **Don't Be Left Without a New JH T-Shirt**



Franqué Alexander  
Jordan Countee  
Maya Dennis  
Sierra Douglas  
Emerald Holman  
Syndey Johnson  
Kirstin Jones  
Latasha Jones  
Jada Miles  
Oshaé Moore  
Asha Moore-Smith  
Arianna Odom  
Darion Parker  
Miariam Rappaport  
Daryn Robinson  
Ngozi Robinson  
Rachel Savitt  
Joprda Semper Scote  
Sherika Shaw  
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Donnea Tims  
Sahara Trask  
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