



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am honored and excited to approach year two as the Director of the Dance Theatre of Harlem School. As someone who spent 12 incredible years as a Principal Dancer with DTH, I am deeply connected to this institution and its mission. Every day feels like coming home to a family that shaped my journey, and it is my great joy to continue to build upon the legacy of our co-founder, Arthur Mitchell, with our families.

My journey in dance began much like many of your children's—full of curiosity, passion, and a deep love for movement. From a young age, I was fortunate to have teachers who believed in me, including those who guided me through challenges and helped me see the potential within myself. It was their belief in me that led me to a career in classical ballet, and we strive to offer the same encouragement and support to every student here.

At Dance Theatre of Harlem, we are more than just a school. We are a community that embraces diversity and fosters an environment where everyone feels seen, valued, and inspired. We are here to nurture not just dancers, but individuals who carry with them the confidence, discipline, and beauty that dance brings. Dance—and ballet in particular—can remind us what it means to be human, and mastery is proof of how beautiful the art form can be. Ballet can be a tool for everyone!

I believe that the true gift of dance goes beyond the stage. It lies in its ability to heal, to bring joy, and to inspire creativity in every aspect of life. Whether your child dreams of a professional dance career or enjoys the rhythm of the music, our goal is to support them in every step of their journey.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's dance education. I look forward to working with you and your children this year.

With warmest regards,

Tai Jimenez
Director
Dance Theatre of Harlem School