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### Open Call Dance Auditions for “The Wiz” Dance Production Local Ballet School & Company celebrates 10 year anniversary with Urban Classic

(Memphis, TN) In its tenth season, Ballet On Wheels Dance Company enthusiastically announces dance auditions for prospective dancers ages 9 and up for “The Wiz” dance production on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 12:30 at Hutchison School.

The auditions is open to all dancers representing all dance forms, including ballet, jazz, modern and contemporary. Dancers should come prepared to learn dance excerpts from various scenes of the upcoming dance production of “The Wiz”. This is the first time in this region that this 70’s urban classic will evolve into a full dance production. “We are so excited to hold open dance auditions for the entire Memphis community.” said Chauniece Conner, Executive Artistic Director. The dance cast will be made up of both company and community dancers ages 12 to 23. The production is scheduled for June 2 & 3, 2012 at Hutchison School at 3:00 p.m.

Ballet On Wheels, founded in 2002, is Memphis’ only African-American, community based, non-profit, pre-professional, classical ballet school and dance company. The name was derived from its method of mobile instruction. The school and company is dedicated to preserving and celebrating dance while creating innovative works. This dance event is sponsored by Valero Energy and Arts Memphis.

For more information on “The Wiz” auditions or other upcoming events, please visit the website at [www.balletonwheels.org](http://www.balletonwheels.org).

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