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Memphis High School Student invited to Dance in Chicago with a Premier Ballet School

Fifteen year old Houston High School student, Callie Shepherd, has been invited to dance with Ballet Chicago in their Summer Intensive program June 25 – July 27. Shepherd auditioned for the program in January and astounded the judges with her technique and style of dance.

Callie is currently a Ballet On Wheels, Theatre of Dance student under the direction of Chauniece Conner. She began dancing at the age of five with Ballet On Wheels and has continued to progress and has become one of

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the school's best ballerinas. "Callie is very dedicated to dance and has a unique will and drive to excel," said Conner. Shepherd is enthused about the opportunity and thinks it would not only enhance her abilities but challenge her in the areas where she feels she is weak. "I feel blessed to have been chosen out of so many to have this opportunity," said Shepherd.

Taking the internship with Ballet Chicago is an important step in order to fulfill Shepherd's dream of becoming a professional ballet dancer. Ballet Chicago believes that performing experience is an essential element in the serious student's artistic and technical development. Composed of advanced-level students from the School of Ballet Chicago, the Studio Company program replicates a professional dance company experience. The repertory is primarily of the works of George Balanchine, whose ballets are historically significant and performed by dance companies all over the country.

Callie is a genuine lover of dance and realizes the great opportunity she has encountered and will appreciate every moment.

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