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## **ALEXANDRA BALLET SHINES AT REGIONAL DANCE AMERICA MIDSTATES FESTIVAL**

Alexandra Ballet was one of twelve companies who participated in the Regional Dance America (RDA) MidStates Festival May 2 – 4 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This three day Festival, which represents the best of dance in the MidStates region, provided hundreds of dancers a unique opportunity to learn from, perform for, and interact with some of the brightest leaders in the dance world today.

Kathryn Posin, teacher at the Gallatin School of NYU, adjudicated the works by the twelve companies in the region prior to festival to determine the programs. Two works by Alexandra Ballet were chosen to be performed at the Festival this year, *Joie de Danse*, choreographed by Alexandra Ballet's own CiCi Houston, and *Elegiaque*, choreographed by the late Dace Dindonis and restaged by Norma Gabriel.

Alexandra Ballet was honored to receive the distinguished 2013 National Choreography Recognition Award on behalf of Ms. Dindonis.

The RDA MidStates Festival provided a forum for dancers to showcase their talents, and be rewarded for their many hours of hard work and dedication. The dancers of Alexandra Ballet were noticed for their professionalism, poise, and technique. At the Gala Banquet on the last evening, it was announced that AB dancers Megan Rigabar and Alexis Mandel received full scholarships for summer study, and Elizabeth Chlanda was awarded a monetary scholarship.

Alexandra Ballet's dedication to excellence was obvious, their performances and dancers shined brightly amongst all the regional stars.



Artistic Director, Alexandra Zaharias, displays the 2013 National Choreography Recognition Award with ABC scholarship recipients Megan Rigabar, Alexis Mandel, and Elizabeth Chlanda (left to right)

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