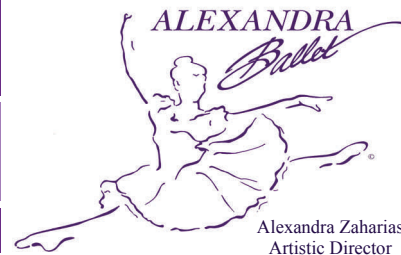


# Alexandra Ballet

*Celebrating 25 Years of Educating, Elevating, and  
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## **ALEXANDRA BALLET SELECTED TO PERFORM AT 2010 INTERNATIONAL BALLET COMPETITION**

Alexandra Ballet received the great honor of being selected as the Mid-States Regional Dance America's representative to perform *Hora Tango* at the USA International Ballet Competition. Regional Dance America will showcase talented companies from each of their five regions at a special matinee performance on June 24, 2010 during the USA IBC in Jackson, Mississippi.

The USA IBC is a two-week "olympic style" competition where tomorrow's ballet stars vie for gold, silver and bronze medals, cash awards, scholarships and jobs. This can be a major stepping stone to a dancer's career. The audience is filled with company directors interested in hiring dancers, and for this reason, many dancers leave with contracts.

Founded by Thalia Mara, the first USA International Ballet Competition took place in 1979. Today, international ballet competitions flourish worldwide, and the USA IBC in Jackson remains one of the oldest and most respected competitions in the world. In 1982, the United States Congress passed a Joint Resolution designating Jackson as the official home of the USA International Ballet Competition. Jackson held subsequent competitions in 1982, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002 and 2006.

*Hora Tango* is an exciting original contemporary work choreographed by long-time Alexandra Ballet colleague, Lyn Wiltshire, Associate Professor of Theater and Dance at University of Texas - Austin. Set to a newly-commissioned score by Arles Estes, the Argentine-flavored music takes the audience through three exhilarating movements: Day, Night, and Dream.

Alexandra Ballet will have the opportunity to shine brightly amongst the best of the world.



Alexandra Ballet performing *Hora Tango*