

OYSP to celebrate National Dance Day July 30

Oconee Youth School of Performance will celebrate National Dance Day on Saturday, July 30 by hosting an open dance party from 3-4 p.m. at the studio, located at 1050 Jamestown Boulevard in Watkinsville.

“We are big fans of *So You Think You Can Dance*,” says Terra Hannon, who co-directs the studio with her husband Shane, “so we wanted to participate in this national initiative to promote dance as a fun and healthy activity for all ages.”

The community is invited to come to OYSP to learn dance routines choreographed specifically for National Dance Day.

“We will have some of our staff teach two routines – one for all skill levels choreographed by Mary Murphy, one of the *SYTYCD* judges,” says Terra. “The other piece is a hip hop number choreographed by Tabitha and Napoleon Dumo, two of the show’s star choreographers.”

For those who want to practice ahead of time, the two routines can be found online at Dance4YourLife.org.

“We will take videos and photos of the performances at the studio and send them in to *SYTYCD* and also post them on our OYSP web site and Facebook page,” Terra said. “We invite everyone – all ages – to come out and join us to show that there are lots of dance fans in our local community. We especially encourage parents who bring kids to stay and participate.”

Oconee Youth School of Performance offers classes in all forms of dance and has an active musical theater program. Registration for 2011-2012 classes will be held on Aug. 6 and Aug. 13. New student registrations will be taken from 1-3 p.m. on either of those days.

For more information about National Dance Day or OYSP, visit www.oypoysp.com or call 706-769-2677.