



## TRING PARK STUDENTS TAKE TO THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Dance students from leading performing arts school, Tring Park School for the Performing Arts, have shown their worldwide appeal by being selected to dance at the Spoleto International Dance Festival in Italy and with the Swedish Ballet School in Gothenburg, Sweden.



### ***Spoleto International Dance Festival***

Sixth formers from Tring Park will be travelling to the medieval town of Spoleto in Tuscany, Italy during the Easter holidays to take part in the esteemed Spoleto International Dance festival. Running from 28 March-4 April, the international dance competition, "Citta' di Spoleto" is one of the most prestigious dance competitions in Europe. Students from Tring Park will have the opportunity to show off their talents and skill by competing in the Soloists category for classical ballet and in the Choreography section of the competition. The final takes place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April with Tring Park students vying for the top position and prize money.

### ***Swedish Ballet School, 'Graduation Ball'***

A number of male students from Tring Park's Dance Course will be visiting Gothenburg in Sweden to perform in the Swedish Ballet School's production of ***Graduation Ball***. Having had a long term association with the Swedish school, Deputy Director of Dance at Tring Park, Terry Wright, was asked to re-stage the delightful young ballet with pupils from both the Swedish Ballet and Tring Park. Rehearsals have taken place in both countries and the performance runs in the Little Theatre in the Gothenburg Opera House from 25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May. One of Tring Park's ballet teachers, Jeremy Kerridge, will also be starring in the performance in the role of 'The Headmistress.' Discussions are already underway for a joint production of the Sleeping Beauty Prologue next year.

Tring Park School for the Performing Arts Principal, Stefan Anderson, comments, "It is wonderful that our students are being given the opportunity to show their talents on the international stage. To share their passion and compete against fellow dancers of the same age around the world is fantastic."

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#### **NOTES TO EDITORS:-**

- **Tring Park School for the Performing Arts** offers a unique opportunity for gifted young people to specialise in Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre or Music, whilst gaining an excellent academic education to GCSE, BTEC and 'A' level.
- **Tring Park School for the Performing Arts** is an independent, co-educational boarding and day school, attended by a maximum of 300 pupils between the ages of 8-19.
- Housed in a former Rothschild mansion and set in beautiful grounds, the School is located in Tring.
- Figures from the Department for Schools, Children and Families for the summer exams 2008 demonstrate that the school provides an "added value" for pupils' performance that is in the top 25% in the country.

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