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~Meredith Gravely School of Dance Expands into the River District~

DANVILLE – The Meredith Gravely School of Dance announced plans today to open its second location at 411 Main Street. This new location will allow for improved teaching hours and additional classes such as Adult Jazz, Zumba with Kristen Houser Rojas, Skills Classes for the more advanced dancer, and weekday Hip Hop with Brittany Francis.

The studio is also most pleased to announce the inaugural season of The Meredith Gravely Performance Group, under the direction of Katie Pruitt. The Company will target the more dedicated dancer, ages twelve through college. They look forward to performing locally as well as competing at regional and national competitions.

Meredith Gravely, a lifetime member of Dance Masters of America and Dance Educators of America, has been a dance educator in Danville for 51 years. She began her dance training with Anne Boyer and was later named a teacher in Ms. Boyer's school. She also taught at Averett College and Chatham Hall. In 1975, the Meredith Gravely School of Dance opened at its current

site located at 131 Tunstall Road and has seen thousands of students and several generations of dancers come through its doors.

In 2000, Meredith Gravely turned over the business to her daughter, Anne Gravely Moore. Anne is a 1990 graduate of James Madison University and has been a dance educator for 21 years. She is a member of Dance Masters of America and has grown the studio to include a faculty of 5 and now a second location.

Working with the City of Danville's Office of Economic Development, the studio's expansion into the River District will be a smooth transition. "The fact that The Meredith Gravely School of Dance chose to locate downtown is a true testament that we are headed in the right direction with our redevelopment efforts," commented Project Manager, Anne Moore-Sparks. "The studio's rich history within our community makes it a perfect match for the River District."

Call 434.799.8072 to register for classes. Limited space is available.

Faculty includes: Anne Gravely Moore, Ashley Kendrick Lackey, Katie Pruitt, Brittany Francis, and Summer Alexander.

Recent River District announcements include: Jake's on Main, 316 Cibo, Adam's Shoe Shop, Ferrell Historic Lofts, Amburn and Co. Salon & Spa on Main, Dan River Art Works, Averett University and the Danville Regional Foundation.