

PRESS RELEASE – Franklin School of Dance Grand Re-Opening  
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**Franklin School of Dance Announces Grand Re-Opening Under New Ownership**

*Kent, OH – August 2011* – **Franklin School of Dance** will celebrate its Grand Reopening with an open house and class registration event on Saturday, August 20 from 1-5 p.m. at its updated studio (152 N. Water St.) in Downtown Kent. All are welcome to attend.

Now celebrating its 75th anniversary, Franklin School of Dance heads into the 2011-2012 year of instruction under new direction with longtime instructor **Courtney Nething Watt** as new owner and lead instructor. Watt, of Kent, started taking dance lessons at Franklin School of Dance at age 3 and has been an instructor at the studio for 18 years. By taking over Franklin School of Dance, which was founded by Bill Franklin in 1936, she is fulfilling a lifelong dream.

“As a little girl, I always dreamed of owning a dance studio,” Watt says. “Franklin School of Dance has been a big part of my life since I was three years old, so I am especially excited to have this opportunity and continue Bill Franklin’s legacy of dance instruction.”

Franklin School of Dance offers recreational dance classes for ages 3 and up, aiming to provide a fun, nurturing environment for children, teens and adults of all skill levels. Private and groups lessons are available in Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary, Lyrical, Hip-Hop, Cheer Dance and Tumbling. New for Fall 2011, the studio is also introducing fitness classes in Yoga and Zumba. Classes resume on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

“There are all sorts of benefits to dance classes,” Watt says. “Physically, you can develop and improve flexibility, strength and coordination. Mentally, you learn the importance of practice and discipline in an environment that builds self-esteem and confidence. Whatever your age, dance is just a great way to stay healthy and active while having fun.”

To register for classes, call 330.673.5419 or visit [www.franklinschoolofdance.com](http://www.franklinschoolofdance.com).

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PHOTO CAPTION: Franklin School of Dance's new owner Courtney Nething Watt stands in front of her updated studio at 152 N. Water St. in Downtown Kent. Celebrating its 75th anniversary, the business will host an open house on Saturday, August 20. from 1-5 p.m.

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