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Gus Giordano Dance School celebrated its 65th season with an event on July 26 in Andersonville. The first half of the event took place outside, in front of the school, with performances by **The Gus Giordano Jazz Legacy Company, College/Pro Scholarship dancers and GG Company** dancers. Following the



Amy Giordano with Gus Giordano Legacy Company, College Pro Scholarship Dancers



College Pro Scholarship Dancers of Gus Giordano Dance School

free-to-the-public performance, a private performance and reception took place inside the school. **Mayor Emanuel and Alderman Patrick O'Connor** were in attendance and have been very supportive of the organization. Mayor Emanuel said, "Gus Giordano is an institution that lives past his life and is a legacy for the city. And it's a

great contribution to the cultural enrichment of the city and obviously the neighborhood of Andersonville." (The Mayor has a long-standing personal connection to the school. As a teenager, he took dance classes from Gus!) The Gus Giordano Dance School is home to **The Gus Giordano Jazz Legacy Foundation**, which presented 23 dancers with scholarships during the month of July. They came from across the U.S. as



Mayor Rahm Emanuel with Amy Giordano, Alderman Patrick O'Connor, Lauren Giordano Curran and Nicole Belanger

well as Mexico to attend the College/Pro Intensive. The Gus Giordano Jazz Legacy Foundation's mission is to spread the joy of jazz dance by providing scholarships to children, teens, college students, and pre-professionals. The Foundation also conducts outreach dance programs, leads master classes in Chicago Public Schools, provides jazz dance training for CPS teachers, and does performances across the city.



Nicole Belander, Cole Vernon, Lauren Giordano Curran, Gus Giordano Jazz Legacy Co.

Congrats to ALL!

Hope you still have more fun summer plans too! Until next time!

Love always,

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