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Axis Dance Co. dancers to attend Urbanity Dance Summer Intensive

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Ebany Spurlock (left) and Sophie Wheeler at the Urbanity Dance Summer Intensive auditions at Casco Bay Movers. (COURTESY PHOTO)

BOSTON — Ebany Spurlock, 17, of North Conway and Sophie Wheeler, 17, of Milan of The Axis Dance Co. from the Jeanne Limmer Dance Center in North Conway will be attending the Urbanity Dance Summer Intensive in Boston July 27 to Aug. 15.

Ebany and Sophie are among the 80 dancers ages 11 to 24 who were accepted through a nationwide audition process. Spurlock and Wheeler auditioned in Portland, Maine, at Casco Bay Movers.

The dancers “will receive eight hours of daily instruction in ballet, modern and contemporary technique as well as supplementary courses in jazz, partnering, musical theater, improvisation, hip-hop and repertory” according to the Urbanity Dance website. The three-week intensive will culminate in a repertory final showcase on Aug. 15.



Spurlock and Wheeler began dancing together at the Jeanne Limmer Dance Center at the age of 3. Both of the dancers are self-disciplined and continuously developing their dance technique and choreography skills.

Spurlock attended the Bates Dance Festival Young Dancers Workshop last summer. Wheeler attended "Move: The Initiative Summer Intensive" in Rhode Island the past two summers. Both dancers auditioned for the Urbanity Dance Summer Intensive three years ago, and neither were accepted at that time. Their perseverance and commitment to their dreams has now paid off.

Spurlock and Wheeler are excited, grateful and humbled to be attending the Urbanity Dance Summer Intensive in summer 2020. Both young women plan to further their dance aspirations upon their high school graduations in June 2021.



