

SPONSORSHIP

Naš Svijet is currently raising funds for the 2010 program to sponsor these three students. The program costs per student total \$2,500.

We are currently looking for assistance in any of the following ways:

- **Monetary Donation**, designated to one or any of the three students
- **Airline Miles/Frequent Flier Donations**
- **Host Families- Accommodations/Assistance**

Costs Per Student:

- Airfare (Sarajevo-USA): \$1,500
- Bus Travel (Sarajevo-Brčko): \$100
- Passport and Visa Costs: \$140
- Transport in USA: \$100
- Excursions/Performances: \$200
- Additional Training (NY, hip hop classes, tuition fees): \$200
- Dance Supplies: \$100
- Food Stipend: \$100

Donations can be made directly to RDDC in order to receive a tax-deduction.

REBECCA DAVIS DANCE COMPANY

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INTERNATIONAL DANCE
EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR
YOUTH IN POST-CONFLICT
COUNTRIES



BUILDING A PARTNERSHIP
WITH THE
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

THE HEART OF A DREAM THE LIFE OF A COMMUNITY

Working in Brčko, Bosnia-Herzegovina (BH) in the Omladinski Centar (Youth Center) brought two American volunteers face-to-face with talented, intelligent, motivated and multi-lingual youth ready to increase their education and pursue their dreams--but there is no path for them to follow.

Despite their hard work, upward mobility remains an impossibly foreign concept.

This program, Naš Svijet, is our chance to change this paradigm.

Naš Svijet is working to bring three students from Bosnia-Herzegovina to Philadelphia, USA, for a dance training and cultural program in summer 2010. They will:

- Dance at Rebecca Davis Dance Company,
- Practice and improve their English,
- Experience life in an American home, increasing their sense of the world's--and their own--potential.



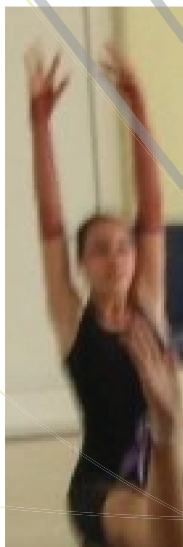
Rebecca Davis with 'Team Mali' (The Young Group) at the Omladinski Centar in Brcko, BH

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES GENERATING CHANGE

- August 2010: the students will **lead workshops** for all of the youth in Brčko.
- They will **teach choreography** for Children's Day, a citywide event organized by Svitac, a local youth NGO.
- The students will continue to use these new skills to become **community leaders**, providing the only **free and multi-ethnic dance classes**.

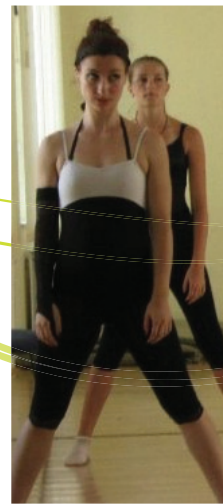
YOUTH OF BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN 2010 CULTURAL PROGRAM

"THE MOST EXCITING THING TO ME IS THAT I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING WHICH DEPENDS ON ME"
-ARMELA



ARMELA MUJANOVIĆ
Armela is a 15 year-old student who lives with her mother in Brčko. She was born in Germany, and moved to BH five years after the war ended. Her mother operates a photo shop in the city center and her one older brother goes to university in Tuzla, BH. In August 2009, Armela led the workshops that were begun by the international dance volunteers in June.

MAŠA BUČANOV
The middle of three sisters, Maša is 16 years-old and speaks nearly perfect English. She represents Brčko in regional kick-boxing competitions. She has been dancing for years but has never had formal training or a professional teacher before the 2009 summer workshop in Brčko. Maša has been leading West African workshops begun by international dance volunteers.



"I FIND MOTIVATION IN ITSELF BECAUSE I LIKE TO FINISH WORK TO THE END"
-MAŠA

NIKOLA MARIĆ



At the age of 13, Nikola has already become an accomplished, self taught hip hop dancer. He has learned about the origins of hip hop by reading online and watching youtube videos. He is also an athlete, running short and long-distance races. Nikola lives with his mother and has no siblings. When not dancing or running, he works a part-time job collecting fruits and vegetables that his grandmother sells to help support the family.

"MY HEART OPENED FOR DANCE AND I ALWAYS TRY TO BECOME BETTER"
-NIKOLA