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Grace Performing Arts Academy Exhibits at CWE Day at the State House

Susan St. John, Founder/Director of Grace Performing Arts Academy in Allston, was one of a dozen clients chosen by the Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE) as an exhibitor for CWE Day at the State House on April 16, 2008. The event is designed to raise legislators' awareness of women entrepreneurs and the issues they face, while allowing each business owner to connect with her state legislators. About 100 clients were there, and representatives from several legislative offices, making it one of CWE's most popular networking events.

“It was a truly inspiring day to be surrounded by so many successful entrepreneurs.” said Ms. St. John. “CWE has provided wonderful support to me throughout the entire process of starting my business from their Entrepreneurial Training Program through applying for a business loan.”

Grace Performing Arts Academy provides an academic program and supervised housing to pre-professional athletes, artists, and musicians who are training in Boston, MA. Students from all over the world are attracted to Boston for the highly competitive training opportunities in the city. Early on in my seven years as the Residence Director for Boston Ballet School's Summer Dance Program, I recognized that many of these students struggle to reconcile their academic and/or residential needs while pursuing their dreams. Grace Performing Arts Academy allows students to pursue elite artistic and athletic training while simultaneously receiving a rigorous education and living within a safe and fun community environment.

Established in 1995, The Center for Women & Enterprise is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping women start and grow their own businesses. CWE is a national leader among women's business centers. CWE's mission is to empower women to become economically self sufficient and prosperous through entrepreneurship.