

Rider Dancers working in their field: our incredible dance major are already professionals!



➤ **Aly Giampolo** - Rider '14: Is performing with the NYC based company Vissi Dance Theater. They are now rehearsing *Vissi Gives Back* which will benefit a local charity. "Balancing my time between Vissi and a full course load at school has been a difficult task, but I make it work by making good use of my free time and taking care of my body." (Photo by Pete Borg)



➤ **Liz Smith** Rider '15 - is currently touring with a professional Bollywood company. She is double majoring in Elementary Ed/Dance. "Sometimes juggling full time school and work can be challenging, but the key is time management. I use all my spare time during the week to prepare for my classes, which leaves my weekends open for rehearsals and shows. When it comes to traveling, the long hours in a car or on a plane are the perfect time to catch up on schoolwork. (Photo above by permission of Liz Smith)

➤ **Kelsey Burns** Rider '15 is a featured dancer in the new movie *The Fighter* currently being filmed in Philadelphia It is directed by David Wallace and stars Robert DeNiro. (Photo right permission by Kelsey Burns)

▼ **Nicole Colassi** Rider '15 (below as The Sugar Plum Fairy) is now appearing as the featured guest artist in Allegresse Dance Company 2011 *Nutcracker* in Flemington NJ. (Photo permission by Nicole Colassi)

