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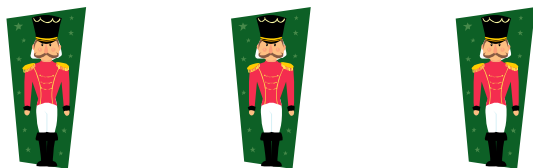
Ballet Arts Centre Newsletter



November and December 2009

HOLIDAY NEWS

It's amazing how quickly the Holiday Season comes upon us each year and ready or not, it's here! With it comes lots of news and activities that will take place in the next few weeks, so we hope you will take a moment to read through!



*** NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCES ***

Ballet Arts Centre Performing Theatre Company's beloved "Nutcracker" ballet returns once again this year! Performances will take place on Saturday, December 5th at 6:30 P.M. and Sunday, December 6th at 1:00 P.M. at McCall Middle School in Winchester.

Tickets may be purchased online beginning Sunday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m. For the first time, we will have **Reserved Seating** and you will be able to **purchase your own tickets online** and choose your seat locations. You can place your ticket order online by going to the BAC website at www.bacw.com. There will also be a Ticket Order Form by Mail for those who do not wish to purchase their own seats online. Tickets *will not* be sold out of the BAC office. Please see the attached notice for details.

This is a beautiful production, wonderfully entertaining and lots of fun for the entire family, and features students from our school as well as Guest Artists from Boston and New York! We hope that all of you will take advantage of this opportunity to support our school and treat yourselves to this delightful holiday tradition!

*** DRESS CODE ***

Now that we have settled into our classes for the year, students should have the proper attire for classes they are enrolled in. We have been making a concerted effort to educate our students about the importance of coming to dance class in proper attire and with their hair done appropriately. Hair should be **pulled up off of the neck and back out of the face for all classes**. We are urging all students to make an effort to come

to ballet classes with their hair in a bun, as it is part of a tradition that contributes to the student's feeling of "readiness" and enhances the success of their experience in class. We do understand that for many busy, working parents this may be asking a lot, but we encourage organizing supplies ahead of time in your child's dance bag (elastics, bobby pins, hairnets) so that it becomes part of the routine for class each week. At the very least, hair must be tied up neatly in a ponytail or pulled off of the face if it is short. We will appreciate any efforts on your part to help us make dance class a wonderful, positive part of your child's life! Thank you!

*** SPRING PERFORMANCE DATES ***

Our Spring Performances will take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 1st and 2nd, 2010. We will return to classes for two weeks after the performances and finish our year on Saturday, May 15th. Costume notices will be given out after Thanksgiving. **Please mark these dates on your calendar! Details will be announced after the new year.**

VISIT THE BAC BOUTIQUE!

Coming soon...our new line of shirts, sweats and dancewear celebrating our 20th anniversary in the BAC Boutique! Look for some new items for our young dancers along with lots of fun ideas for the holidays which are right around the corner!!

*** OBSERVATION WEEK ***

This year we will be holding our Observation classes during the week of **January 12th – 17th**. Parents are welcome to come and view their child's regular class to see their progress. Please make an effort to leave young siblings at home as it is difficult for them to sit for the hour and watch, and that can be distracting for the children taking the class. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to seeing you there!

*** TUITION REMINDER ***

A friendly reminder that the next installment due date is November 23rd, 2009, as is stated on the 2009-2010

Tuition Schedule. You must notify the office in writing of any class changes prior to this date in order for a tuition adjustment to be made. If you are signed up for Auto-Pay, your credit card will be run on this date. If you are paying by check, please make sure we receive your check before the due date in order to avoid a late fee. If you wish to sign up for Auto-Pay as an easy way to make payments and avoid late fees, please see someone in the office.

*** BAC DANCERS TO PERFORM IN *
2009 CHOREOGRAPHERS GROUP
PRE-PROFESSIONAL GALA**

Ballet Arts Centre Performing Company dancers have been hard at work preparing for their upcoming debut in the 2009 Choreographers Group Pre-Professional Gala on Sunday, November 8th, 2009 at the Sorenson Center for the Arts at Babson College in Wellesley, MA. The company, made up of BAC Track A students Emily Jerant-Hendrickson, Gina Mantica, Clara Mills, Danielle Orsi, Catherine Palmer, Alissa McGeehan, Megan Tomey, and Anastasia Sokolova, was selected to participate in the prestigious showing of Boston area pre-professional dance groups, after auditioning for the performance this past spring. Other participating groups include Boston Youth Moves, Cambridge Youth Dance Company, Commonwealth Ballet, The Gold School Project Moves, Lexington School of Ballet and West Concord Dance Academy, to name a few.

Tickets for the Choreographers Group Pre-Professional Gala may be purchased at the door on the day of the performance or by calling 508-655-0675 for advance reservations.

*** SAFETY ISSUE ***

We would like to remind all students who get picked up after their dance class to be sure to wait *inside* the foyer and not outside the front or back door, especially now that it is dark so early. Parents, we ask that you re-enforce this message to help us err on the side of safety!

*** SNOW CANCELLATIONS ***

Please be sure to see the attached Snow Cancellation notice regarding our policy for inclement weather, class cancellations, and make-up options. You never know when Mother Nature will strike!



*** VACATION REMINDER ***

There will be no classes on **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 25th - 28th** for **THANKSGIVING BREAK**. Our **WINTER BREAK** will begin on **Monday, December 21st** and classes will resume on **Monday, January 4th**.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND
ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES OUR BEST
WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL
AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY
SEASON! AS ALWAYS, HAPPY
DANCING!**

Debbie and the entire BAC staff

