

"FootNotes"

Ballet Arts Centre Newsletter



November and December 2011

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 3rd at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday, December 4th at 2:00 P.M. at McCall Middle School in Winchester.

Tickets may be purchased online beginning **Wednesday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m.** The floor level is Reserved Seating and the balcony is General Admission. You can place your ticket order online by going to the homepage of 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!

*** SPRING PERFORMANCE DATES ***

Our Spring Performances will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, April 28th and 29th, 2012** at McCall Middle School in Winchester. Mandatory Dress Rehearsals will take place the week prior to the show. We will return to classes for two weeks after the performances and finish our year on Saturday, May 12th. Costume notices will be given out after Thanksgiving. ***Please mark these dates on your calendar! Details will be announced after the new year.*** If you have a conflict for either of these dates, please notify the office as soon as possible and we will make our best effort to accommodate your request.

*** OBSERVATION WEEK ***

This year we will be holding our Observation classes during the week of **January 9th – 14th, 2012**. 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 21st, 2011**, as is stated on the 2011-2012 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 contact the office.

*** 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

VACATION REMINDER

There will be no classes on **Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 23rd – 26th** for **THANKSGIVING BREAK**.

Our **WINTER BREAK** will begin on **Monday, December 19th** and classes will resume on **Monday, January 2nd**.



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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!



*** SNOW CANCELLATIONS ***

Please be sure to see the attached Snow Cancellation notice regarding our policy for inclement weather, class cancellations, and make-up options. Whenever the weather conditions are questionable, you should call the studio approximately one hour prior to your class time to see whether classes will be held or not. Unless we are without power, there will always be a recorded message informing you of the status of our classes for that day. You never know when Mother Nature will strike!

*** NEW BOUTIQUE ITEMS ***

Just in time for the holidays! In the next few weeks we will have new items arriving in the BAC boutique! We will have jackets, t-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, and more to keep you warm as you dance during the long winter months. There are lots of Nutcracker items and little trinkets that would make great holiday gifts for your dancer as well! We will also be putting our older items on clearance. Come in to the boutique during the week and ask someone in the office to help you!

*** THE GIFT OF ART AT THE NEXTDOOR THEATER ***

The NextDoor Center for the Arts, located adjacent to Ballet Arts Centre at 40 Cross Street, invites you to visit the unique holiday shopping opportunities available in the lobby during **THE GIFT OF ART** beginning Wednesday, November 16th through Sunday November 20th from noon to 7:00 p.m. each day. This annual event presents a wide array of unique gifts hand made by local artisans for sale as a fundraiser for this local nonprofit focused on "building community through the arts with education, participation and presentation." Stop by before, during or after your student is in class for a convenient and creative start to your holiday shopping!

*** 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!

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

