



the pointe! news from berkeley ballet theater

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BERKELEY BALLET THEATER ANNOUNCES NEW ALL-DAY SUMMER WORKSHOPS

In response to popular demand, Berkeley Ballet Theater's summer workshops will be extended in 2007 to an all-day format.

Students from ages 7-13 in Levels A and B will have three one-week options: July 16-20, July 23-27, and July 30-August 3. Students may enroll for one, two, or three weeks, with a tuition discount applied for students enrolling in all three sessions. In addition to technique, variations, and repertory classes, Level A and B sessions will offer a broad selection of classes such as costume-making, jazz, modern dance, musical theater, character, music, dance history (with craft projects), and yoga for kids.

Students aged 10-18 in Levels C and D may participate in a three-week all-day workshop from June 25-July 13 and three one-week half-day sessions: July 16-20, July 23-27, and July 30-August 3. A limited number of homestays with local families may be available for students from out of the local area. Level C and D students will also have the option of enrolling in technique and pointe classes only throughout the six-week workshop period. The Level C and D all-day workshops will offer technique, pointe, variations, and repertory plus a full complement of other classes such as Pilates, modern dance, musical theater, pas de deux, character, and a seminar covering dance-related academic topics.



NEW REDUCED SINGLE-CLASS ADULT DIVISION RATES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONAL DANCERS



We are pleased to announce that beginning March 1 BBT will offer incentive rates for full-time college students and professional dancers. With a current college photo ID, a student will be offered a \$2 discount off the \$14 single-class fee. Professional dancers with a current AGMA card may take a single class for only \$10. Other professionals may apply for the discounted rate by returning a form after paying the regular rate for their first class. Multiple-class cards will not be discounted.

COLLEGE PLANNING MEETING FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

On Wednesday, February 21st, from 6:30-7:30 in Studio 1, Susan Weber, BBT's Assistant Artistic Director, will conduct a free college-planning meeting for BBT students (of any level) who are juniors in high school. Parents are welcome to attend. Miss Susan is a graduate of U.C Berkeley's certification program in College Advising. She will discuss the application timeline and dance options in college. There will be time for questions.

BBT SEEKS HOST FAMILIES

Each year we at BBT receive a few requests for housing from upper level students out of the area who would like to attend our summer workshop. We anticipate that our new all-day option may increase these requests. Our Level C and Level D all-day workshop will be held June 25-July 13. If your family might have space to house a guest dancer, please mention it to one of us in the office. A stipend will be provided for food and incidental expenses.

SUMMER WORK STUDY OPTION

BBT will be hiring one or two students (over age 18) to supervise lower-level students during their lunchtimes July 16- August 3 from 11:30-12:30 daily. We will do a tuition credit in exchange. Please call Deborah Moss at the BBT office if you are interested.

SPRING PERFORMANCES APPROACH

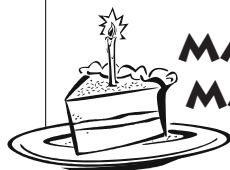
Just as the strains of "The Nutcracker" are no longer repeating in our heads, it's time to watch out for Spring Show permission slips. They'll be sent home in early February. Miss Sarah's brand-new "Cinderella" promises to include exciting new choreography for students in all levels. Miss Sally, Brian Fisher, and Damara Ganley will be making new work on the Youth Company, and Miss Sarah will also choreograph a short piece which will have live accompaniment by members of the Junior Bach Society.

NEW MEMBERS GRACE THE BBT BOARD

Two new members have been officially inducted to the Berkeley Ballet Theater Board of Directors. They are Fraser Bonnell, a retired software engineer, attorney, dance lover, and BBT enthusiast, and Lisa Warhuus, who in addition to being Level 7 Christopher's Mom is a psychotherapist and coordinator of Mental Health Services for Berkeley Unified School District. Board members devote many hours and much thought to the welfare of our organization. Please say thank-you to Fraser and Lisa, and other Board members for their generosity.

STILL SEEKING BOARD VOLUNTEERS

We are hoping to slightly expand the size of BBT's Board, and would still welcome volunteers, both from our community and from Berkeley and the East Bay's arts community. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about this opportunity (really- we do have fun!), please contact Nominating Committee members Clara McKenzie (923-0287) or Susan Weber (843-4687, ext. 7).



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Mark your calendars! Invite your friends! BBT's 25th anniversary will be observed on March 10th from 6-11 PM at the Berkeley City Club. Your invitation is on its way (if you haven't received it already). It will be a festive dress-up evening with delicious food, fun activities, and a fabulous performance by our own Youth Company and some participants from the Performance Workshop. Our community will unite as we celebrate this milestone together. Be there!!!!



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