



the pointe! news from berkeley ballet theater

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to BBT's 25th anniversary year! I look forward to another exciting year of wonderful dance. Planning for this year's

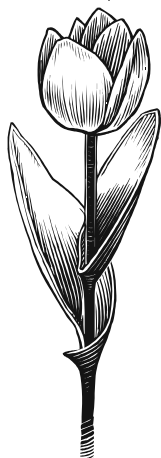
Nutcracker is already underway. Please see the article below for important dates and information.

We are pleased to continue our two optional programs: Under the direction of new faculty member Erica Jeffrey, Performance Workshop for students levels 4, 5, & 6 will be held January 13-March 10 with a performance March 11. We will also offer a second session of Modern Workshop with Miss Damara Ganley for students of all ages March 24- May 5. Please pick up a registration form in the office.

BBT is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and we will throw a party in honor of this milestone on March 10, 2007. We hope that the entire BBT community both past and present will be there. Please read on to see how you can participate.

See you throughout the fall!

Miss Sarah



SOLANO STROLL

Congratulations to our level 3 & 6 students who participated in this year's Solano Stroll and received 4th place in the parade (out of 150 entries!).

And thank you to the many volunteers who helped staff our BBT booth; it was a lot of fun.

NUTCRACKER 2006

Performing is an invaluable part of a dancer's training and we encourage all students in levels 1-Pre-Professional to participate in the our annual production of The Nutcracker. In-class rehearsals begin October 9th. Role assignments and rehearsal times for each level have been posted on the BBT cork-board. Permission slips must be turned in by October 7th.

Please note the following mandatory full-call Saturday rehearsals:

October 28 (Levels 3-Pre-Prof only), November 4, 11, 18, and December 2 12:00-6:00pm.

Exact rehearsal times for the Saturday rehearsals will be posted a week in advance on the BBT cork-board.

Tickets go on sale Saturday October 28th.



PR WRITER NEEDED!

After many years of service to our Publicity Committee, Jennifer Trainor is stepping down from her duties. BBT is looking for a Press Release Writer for the Publicity Committee. If you have a background in public relations, marketing, or just like to write, this is the perfect job for you! The PR Writer composes and distributes press releases for The Nutcracker, Spring Show, and miscellaneous other newsworthy events throughout the year. Additional responsibilities include maintaining the press list and writing copy for brochures, invitations, and other pieces as needed. The Publicity Committee meets with Miss Sarah about once a month, and the total time commitment is about 5 hours per month on average. If you are interested please contact Miss Sarah at seclag@aol.com.

PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP & MODERN WORKSHOP

BBT is excited to continue its two Saturday optional programs. Performance Workshop is designed for students in levels 4, 5, & 6 additional performing opportunities. Meeting every Saturday for 9 weeks (January 13-March 10), the workshop will consist of a technique class followed by two hours of rehearsal. Under the direction of Miss Erica Rose Jeffrey, students will learn original choreography, classical variations and repertory, and practice classical hairstyles and make-up. The session will conclude with an informal performance at the Julia Morgan Theater on March 11 @ 6:00pm.

There is still a chance to participate in the second session of Modern Workshop on Saturdays March 24- May 5. Miss Damara Ganley will return to teach this session. This is a great opportunity for younger students to add modern and contemporary movement to their curriculum, as well as offering teens additional modern training.

Please drop by the office to pick up your registration forms.



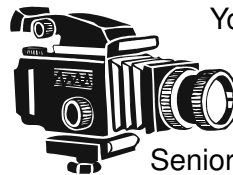
BBT TURNS 25!

The 2006-2007 school year marks the 25th anniversary of Berkeley Ballet Theater. We plan to celebrate this milestone event by hosting a 25th anniversary celebration on March 10, 2007 at the Berkeley City Club. This elegant affair will feature a sit-down dinner, a mini-performance by our BBT students, and a silent auction. All proceeds will go directly to BBT to ensure another 25 years!

We are hoping for 100% participation from our BBT community. We will post information soon on how you can help or donate and how to purchase your tickets.

PHOTO DAY

Saturday October 21 from 12-1pm, we will be taking photos for press purposes in Studio A. We will take photos of the following regions: Berkeley 12:00-12:10; Albany/El Cerrito/Kensington 12:10-12:20; Oakland 12:20-12:30; Montclair 12:30-12:35; Piedmont 12:35-12:40; and Orinda 12:40-12:45. Dancers who live in those regions and want to participate please come at the times indicated next to your region. All dancers must be in their uniform leotard with hair neatly secured in a bun.



Youth Company and Senior photos will be from 12:45-1:00pm. All Youth Company and Seniors must be in their uniform leotard with their hair secured neatly in a bun.

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 30 12-1pm: Mandatory Parent/Student Youth Co meeting and Graduating Seniors Meeting.

October 9: Nutcracker rehearsals begin

October 21: 12-1pm: Photo Day

October 28: Nutcracker Tickets on sale.

November 4: Parent Volunteer sign-up day

November 23-26: Thanksgiving Holiday (no children's classes or Nutcracker rehearsals.)

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