



the pointe! news from berkeley ballet theater

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MASTER CLASSES

On Tuesday January 15 the beautiful Joanna Berman, former principal dancer at San Francisco Ballet, graced BBT with a Master Class for the Youth Company.

On Tuesday March 11, Michele Miller of Cornish College will lead a modern Master Class for Level 7 and Pre-Professional in Studio A.

NUTCRACKER VOLUNTEERS ROCK!

2007's Nutcracker season was the most successful ever. The entire run was sold out, and both on- and off-stage everything ran like clockwork. An essential element making this possible is BBT's devoted and skilled volunteer force.



LEVEL BASKET DONATIONS

Celeste Marks, BBT Volunteer Coordinator will coordinate with the Level Parents to prepare an auction basket from each Level. All students are expected to participate; level coordinators will contact each family about monetary or merchandise donations. Your creativity and participation is appreciated!

PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

Erica Rose Jeffrey began Performance Workshop on Saturday January 12. Students in Levels 4-6 are working toward a performance on Sunday March 9 at 6 PM in the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts Theater. Please plan to join us- it will be a great opportunity to see our up-and-coming students doing major roles.

MODERN WORKSHOP

John Butterfield, BBT's Level 6 modern teacher, will lead the Modern Workshop for students in Levels 4-6. This is a wonderful opportunity to work more intensively on the fun and challenging skills of modern dance.

AUCTION APPROACHES!

Wondering what to do with those lovely-but-not-your-thing holiday gifts? Have a vacation cabin? Extra frequent flier miles? A giant tax bill that you'd like to reduce? BBT can help. We are accepting tax-deductible donations from individuals and companies (in addition to the Level baskets) for the auction associated with our Talent Show FUNraiser. Be creative: perhaps you and your friends would enjoy preparing a fancy dinner. Maybe you have a favorite hike and would love to introduce it to others. Other ideas:

- Sports tickets
- Private lessons
- Tutoring
- Knitting lessons, supplies
- Ballerina regalia
- Rehearsal kits
- Art supplies
- Concert tickets
- CDs, DVDs
- Gourmet items
- Golf rounds
- Fine art pieces
- Bath and body supplies
- Jewelry
- Handcrafted items
- Gift certificates: restaurants, movie theaters, grocery stores



To donate, please contact Celeste Marks at (510) 510 451-1977 or shaker0309@gmail.com to arrange a pick-up.

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TALENT SHOW FUNRAISER

Saturday April 5, 2008 6:00-9:00pm Studio A
\$15/adult, \$7.50/child, \$25/family
(up to four people)

A performance, a party, a silent auction, a chance to relax and get to know more about the fabulous people who make up our BBT family! ODC star Private Freeman will emcee and play his cello!

Everyone is welcome to display talents other than ballet dancing (poetry recitations, music performances, monologues, popular or ethnic dances, songs, skits, magic tricks, comedy)

Volunteers are needed that evening, as are items for the silent auction.

Performers: Sign-up on the Parent Board for a time slot on Saturday March 8 between 2:00 and 4:00 PM in Studio B. We will create a fascinating program by previewing numbers. Numbers must be limited to 3 minutes. Participation is on a first-come-first-served basis. Please note: there is only ONE sign-up sheet, located outside of Studio A.

Volunteers: Sign-up on the Volunteer sheet on the Parent Board.

Donors: Sign-up on the Volunteer sheet on the Parent Board and/or contact Celeste Marks at (510) 510 451-1977 or shaker0309@gmail.com.

Audience: Open seating tickets and auction numbers will be sold at the door at 5:30 PM on the evening of the event.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year the Berkeley Ballet Theater Artistic Staff recognizes a few exemplary students by awarding them Merit Scholarships. These awards celebrate the students' hard work, talent, and superior classroom deportment. we hope that both fellow students and parents alike will look to these dancers as models of successful dance study. Please congratulate:

Sivan Abo-Brodo, Leslie Gortemiller	Level 4
Sterling Tuma	Level 5
Aillen Zazueta-Bella	Level 6
Brenna Tom	Level 7
Lauren Alpert, Valerie Balcom, Cecily Khuner	Pre-Professional



COLLEGE NIGHT FOR JUNIORS

On Wednesday February 6 from 6:30-7:30 PM in Studio B, Susan Weber will lead an informational session for BBT juniors and their parents. Main topics will be recommended readings, how to visit colleges, testing, how to prepare your college list, and a typical timeline of tasks. Bring questions!

PR COMMITTEE

BBT's Public Relations Committee is seeking two volunteers. Committee responsibilities include graphic design, writing press releases and submitting them with photos to local news agencies, coordinating raffles at performances, and seeking opportunities to increase our visibility in the community. There are only five meetings per school year, lasting one hour each. This important committee works closely with the Artistic Director. Adult students and pre-ballet parents are welcome. Committee work can satisfy your volunteer commitment.

If interested, contact Susan Weber at extension 113.



Wednesday 2/6	6:30-7:30
College Night for Juniors - Studio B	
Monday 2/18	No Children's Classes Held
Sunday 3/2	1-4 PM
BBT Summer Workshop Placement Auditions	
Saturday 3/8	2-4 PM
Talent Show Preview	
Sunday 3/9	6 PM
Performance Workshop Performance	
March 11	4-6 PM
Cornish College Master Class	
March 17-23	
Spring Holiday -	No Children's Classes
Sunday 3/23	No Classes Held
Saturdays 3/29-5/3	Modern Workshops
Saturday April 5	6-9 PM
FUNRaiser Talent Show and Silent Auction	