



the pointe! news from berkeley ballet theater

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ANNUAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Each year, BBT's artistic staff selects a few students to be recognized for the quality of their dance study. They are awarded a small stipend which we hope serves to inspire them to continue working at the high level they have established for themselves. Criteria for Merit Scholarships include attendance, focus and attention, talent, and consistent effort over time. These students exemplify the best of what we hope BBT dancers will be and are excellent role models for their peers. Please join us in congratulating them and keep an eye on their excellent work in class and on stage:

Pre-Professional

Lauren Alpert / Tessaly Jen / Imogene Roach

Level 7

Leslie Simon / Christopher Warhuus

Level 6

Olenka Alvarado-Ortiz

Level 5

Reid Schnider

Level 4

Sterling Tuma

*Donations to the BBT Scholarship Fund are always gratefully appreciated and are fully tax-deductible.

MARCH 11TH PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP SHOW

Erica Rose Jeffrey has been working with students in Levels 4, 5, and 6 to prepare dances for a performance on March 11th at 6 PM at the Julia Morgan Center. They will perform a 35-minute work entitled "Bits of Brahms." A suggested \$5 donation will be collected at the door. Come see our young students shine!

BERKELEY BALLET THEATER SUMMER WORKSHOPS 2007

Pre-ballet through advanced students are invited to participate in BBT's 22st annual Summer Workshops. The six weeks of summer session begin June 26th and end August 4th. For the first time this year BBT will offer full-day sessions:

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BBT STUDENTS AT THE JUNIOR BACH FESTIVAL

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LEVELS 7 AND PRE-PROFESSIONAL ROCK OUT WITH SEAN KELLEY AND BILLY JOEL

On Wednesday February 21st, Sean Kelley taught a Master Class for BBT's most advanced students. Mr. Kelley, a longtime friend of BBT's Corinne Jonas, freely shared his knowledge and enthusiasm. He taught a ballet barre followed by phrases from Twyla Tharp's Billy Joel musical "Movin' Out," where he is Dance Supervisor. It was a great break from the regular schedule, and the following day's neck soreness seemed a small price to pay for the fun of moving in a contemporary jazzy style.



APRIL 29TH FIELD TRIP TO SF BALLET'S "DON QUIXOTE"

Miss Sarah Marcus will take a group of students to the San Francisco Opera House to see San Francisco Ballet perform "Don Quixote," by Helgi Thomassen and Yuri Possukov. The performance is at 2 PM, and if 20 people sign up tickets will be 20% off the regular price. Look for the sign-up sheet on the stairway bulletin boards. Deadline for sign-ups is Monday, April 9. Adult chaperones will also be needed.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday March 4

Spring Showcase rehearsals begin in classes

Saturday March 10 6-11 PM Berkeley City Club
BBT 25th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday March 11 6 PM
Performance Workshop Show at Julia Morgan Theater

Tuesday March 13 4-6:30 PM Studio A
Cornish College Master Class - Levels 7 and P-P

Saturday March 24 3 and 7:30 PM St. John's Church
BBT Youth Company performs at the Junior Bach Festival

Monday-Sunday April 2-8

Spring Break - No Children's Classes Held

Saturday April 28 12-6 PM Studio A
Full Call Mandatory Rehearsal for Spring Showcase

Saturdays May 5 & 12 12-6 PM Studio A
Full Call Mandatory Rehearsals for Spring Showcase

Saturday May 12 9:30-11:30 AM Julia Morgan Theater
Pre-Ballet Mandatory Theater Rehearsal

3:30-6 PM Studio A
Adult Division Spring Showcase Mandatory Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday May 16 4-8:30 PM Julia Morgan Theater
Cast A Dress Rehearsal for Spring Showcase

Thursday May 17 10 AM Julia Morgan Theater
Outreach Performance ("Cinderella" only)

4-7 PM Julia Morgan Theater
Cast B Dress Rehearsal for Spring Showcase

7-9:30 PM Julia Morgan Theater
Adult Division Spring Showcase Mandatory Dress Rehearsal

Friday May 18 7 PM Julia Morgan Theater
Cast A Spring Showcase Performance

Saturday May 19 9:30-10:30 AM Julia Morgan Theater
Pre-Ballet Mandatory Dress Rehearsals

11 AM Julia Morgan Theater
Pre-Ballet Spring Showcase Performance

2 PM Julia Morgan Theater
Cast A Spring Showcase Performance

7 PM Julia Morgan Theater
Cast B Spring Showcase Performance

Post-Performance Studio A
Senior Gala

Sunday May 20 2 PM Julia Morgan Theater
Cast B Spring Showcase Performance

6 PM Julia Morgan Theater
Adult Division Spring Showcase Performance