



# the pointe! news from berkeley ballet theater

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## **FUN-RAISER TALENT SHOW MARCH 28TH 6-9 PM**

The annual gathering of our BBT community promises to be full of inspiring performances, thrilling door prizes, yummy food, tempting auction merchandise, and warm friendship. Make your reservations by phoning (510) 843-4689 or by sending in a check. Tickets are \$15/adult, \$7.50/child, or \$25/family (up to four people) and this includes a light dinner.



For your entertainment, BBT students of all ages will perform skits, play music, and sing. Among the thrilling items for up auction are tickets to Wicked, gift bags from Lululemon, and set of CDs from BBT accompanist extraordinaire Rudy Appfel.

## **MODERN WORKSHOP ON SATURDAYS MARCH 14TH - APRIL 25TH**

Sessions for students 7-10 (2:30-2:30 PM) and 11-teen (3:30-4:45 PM) will offer an opportunity for creativity and an introduction to modern dance technique. Students will improvise and choreograph, expanding their understanding of movement and self-expression. Teacher Nadia Oka attended Mills College and is a frequent modern dance performer in the Bay Area.



## **BBT CELEBRATES BAY AREA NATIONAL DANCE WEEK**

Several classes next month will be offered free to charge to all participants during National Dance Week. This is a great opportunity to save money, take extra classes, and try something new. Your opportunities include:



- \* Sunday April 26th 1:30-2:30 PM Men's Class with Robert Greer
- \* Sunday April 26th 1:30-2:30 PM Pointe Class with Xiao Liu-Moore
- \* Sunday April 26th 2:30-3:30 PM Adult Pas de Deux with Robert Greer
- \* Tuesday April 28th 9:30-11:15 AM Adult Advanced Ballet with Susan Weber
- \* Thursday April 30th 8-9:15 PM Pilates Mat Class with Suzanne Ryan.

## **PATTY CAKE, PATTY CAKE**

Please share your baking talents with the rest of us: BBT is soliciting donations for the Dessert Auction event at the March 28th FUN-Raiser Talent Show. Please sign up on the poster in the lobby or contact Celeste Marx at (510) 388 7216 or shaker53@gmail.com if you can contribute!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Saturdays	March 14-April 25	Modern Workshop
Sunday	March 15 6:00 PM	Performance Workshop Performance
Saturday	March 28 6:00-9:00 PM	Talent Show FUN-Raiser
	April 6-12	Spring Holiday No Children's Classes
Sunday	April 12	Easter Sunday No Classes Held
Saturday	April 18	Spring Ticket Sales Begin
Saturday	April 25	First Mandatory Spring Rehearsal

### HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED FROM JUNE 29TH - JULY 17TH

Is your nest bigger than your flock? You could serve BBT and young dancers from outside our immediate area by taking in a teenage dancer (or two) during our first three-week summer session. Several out-of-town students are interested in attending our workshop, and this year dorm accommodations are not available due to the renovation of Cal's Clark Kerr facility.



### COMPUTER AND STRUCTURES INC SPONSORS SPRING SHOW!

BBT's spring performances will be exclusively sponsored by Computer and Structures, Inc. Thanks to the generosity of Ashraf Habibullah, President of Computers and Structures, BBT will be able to feature live music at every performance. When Ashraf learned of Artistic Director Sarah Marcus' wish to enhance Tchaikovsky's The Seasons by presenting her choreography with live music, Habibullah approved an additional \$5000 to be added to the \$5000 he had recently pledged to BBT. Our students will directly benefit from the priceless experience of dancing to music being played by musicians in real time. Thank you, Ashraf!

### PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP SHOW

On Sunday 3/15 6:00 PM students from levels 4, 5, and 6 will perform in the Julia Morgan Theater. A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be collected at the door; no reservations are needed. Come and see the wonderful work they've done with Miss Erica Rose Jeffrey!

BBT will facilitate matches and host families will receive \$300 per student per week. Please contact Susan Weber in the BBT office if you'd like more information.

### PILATES WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH COMPANY STUDENTS

Jennifer Moulton, former Berkeley Ballet Theater student and ballerina with the Royal Ballet, will teach a Pilates Workshop over the course of two Thursday evenings this month. Jennifer, who now co-owns Studio 74 Pilates in Emeryville, will teach exercises that are tailored specifically for dancers.

### GUESSING GAME: CHEVRON, CLOROX, THE GAP, GOOGLE, PG&E

What do these fabulous companies have in common? The answer: they offer grants to match employee contributions and/or recognize their volunteer service. How enlightened is your company? Please check to see if your financial and volunteer contributions to BBT may be enlarged by your employer.