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WELCOME NEW TEACHERS!

BBT has added five new members to our faculty:

Alice Gray, Level 5, former dancer with Oregon Ballet Theater, graduated from the University of San Diego in Chemistry. She currently attends medical school at Touro University.

Robert Greer, Level 7 pas de deux, has recently moved to the Bay Area, after dancing with Augusta Ballet and Northern Plains Ballet, where he also served as Ballet Master.

Gina Pietrarroia, Pre-Ballet, originally from Ohio, is a recent graduate of Butler University, where she earned her B.S. degree with honors as a double major in Middle and Secondary Education and English Literature.

Kirsten Schwartz, Level 2, former dancer at Oakland Ballet, received her ballet training in Santa Cruz and at San Francisco Ballet. Kirsten teaches writing at UC Berkeley.

Alayna Stroud, Pre-Ballet, is a member of Flyaway Productions dance company and is a certified yoga instructor. She received her B.F.A. degree from North Carolina School of the Arts.



WORKSHOPS

On Friday, October 26 in Studio B, Miss Sarah Marcus and Miss Susan Weber will lead a Question and Answer Session for Levels 4-6. This will be an opportunity for dancers to set goals for the year and get information about specific things they are curious about: alignment, stretching or strengthening exercises, and other technical questions.

Miss Alice Gray will offer a workshop on Wednesday November 28 from 5:30-6:30 PM in Studio A. Her topics will be nutrition and injury prevention and treatment. This workshop is open to students in Children's Division Levels 4-PP.



MASTER CLASSES

Students in Levels 7 and Pre-Professional will have three more Master Classes this fall:

Rachel Berman, long-time dancer with the Paul Taylor Dance Company, now a faculty member at Mills College, will teach on Wednesday October 24th from 4-6:30 PM. Rachel earned her BFA in dance from SUNY Purchase.

In November, near their UC Berkeley appearances November 7-11 (specific date to be announced), American Ballet Theater will send a teacher to BBT.

On December 11th, the now-beloved David Leventhal of the Mark Morris Dance Group will return to BBT. His September class was thrilling; he taught the opening theme from Mr. Morris' "Mozart Dances." Most of our students attended the Zellerbach performances that week, and were able to decipher the work's structure based on their knowledge of its foundational material. In this second class, David plans to focus on phrases from Morris' "The Hard Nut," which will be performed from December 14-23 at UC Berkeley.

E-BULLETIN REGISTRATION

Please log on to BBT's website (www.berkeleyballet.org) and sign up to receive e-bulletins. The link is on the left side of the home page. Bulletins will offer announcements and important reminders for both Children's Division and adult students.

NUTCRACKER GUEST ARTISTS

Students at Berkeley Ballet Theater are always fortunate to have the opportunity to dance in our annual Nutcracker with several talented and experienced professionals. This year's Guest Artists are Brian Fisher, former ODC/SF dancer (Fritz), Private Freeman of ODC/SF (Snow King, Mother Ginger), Derrick Sakakura, former Joffrey Ballet dancer (Cavalier), Levy Toney, former Margaret Jenkins dancer (Drosselmeier, Arabian), and Will Lin-Yee, former New York City Ballet dancer (Snow King).

TALENT SHOW FUNRAISER

April 5 may seem far away, but it's less than half a year ahead. Please begin considering items you may have to offer for our annual Silent Auction. BBT expects 100% participation from Children's Division students in the form of baskets created by the families in each level. We also encourage students and families to make individual donations. As the date nears, we will have more details about the Talent Show and pizza party.



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 10/24	4-6:30 PM	Rachel Berman Master Class, Levels 7 & P-P
Friday 10/26	5:30-6:45	Level 4-6: Q & A Session
Saturday 10/27	12-6 PM	Mandatory "Nutcracker" studio rehearsal Levels 3-PP only
"Nutcracker" ticket sales begin		
Saturday 11/3	12-6 PM	Mandatory "Nutcracker" studio rehearsal & Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Day
Saturday 11/10	12-6 PM	Mandatory "Nutcracker" studio rehearsal
Saturday 11/17	12-6 PM	Mandatory "Nutcracker" studio rehearsal
Thursday 11/22		Thanksgiving - No Classes Held
November 23-25		Thanksgiving Holiday - No Children's Classes
Wednesday 11/28	5:30-6:30	Levels 4-PP: Nutrition & Injury Prevention
Saturday 12/1	12-6 PM	Mandatory "Nutcracker" studio rehearsal
Wednesday 12/5	4-8:30 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast A Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 12/6	4-8:30 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast B Dress Rehearsal
Friday 12/7	7 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast A Performance
Saturday 12/8	2 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast A Performance
	4 PM	Sugarplum Party
	7 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast B Performance
Sunday 12/9	2 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast B Performance
Tuesday 12/11	10 AM	"Nutcracker" Act 1 Outreach Performance
	12 PM	"Nutcracker" Act 1 Outreach Performance
	4-6:30 PM	David Leventhal Master Class, Levels 7 & P-P
Wednesday 12/12	3 PM	"Nutcracker" In-studio Pre-school performance
	4-8:30 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast C Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 12/13	10 AM	"Nutcracker" Act 2 Outreach Performance
	4-8:30 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast D Dress Rehearsal
Friday 12/14	7 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast C Performance
Saturday 12/15	2 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast C Performance
	7 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast D Performance
Sunday 12/16	2 PM	"Nutcracker" Cast D Performance
12/17 - 1/1		Winter Break - No Children's Classes Held