



Friends of the Albany Berkshire Ballet Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2008

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Spring Performances

Tickets are now on sale for the ABB's spring performances! The ABB program will feature "Aurora's Wedding" from Act 3 of the Sleeping Beauty Ballet, with the traditional choreography of Maurius Petipa, Madeline Cantarella Culpo's contemporary work, Mushabiyya, and Laura Dean's modern "Arrow of Time." A classical Pas de Deus will round out the program.

Performances will be held at the Barrington Stage Company in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, on Saturday, April 12th, at 7:00 p.m. and, in Albany, at the Clark Auditorium in the New York State Museum, on Sunday, April 13th, at 3:00 p.m.

Adults: \$20; Seniors: \$18; Children \$10.

Tickets are on sale at the ABB office and the School of the Albany Berkshire Ballet. A ticket order form is also included with this newsletter for your convenience in ordering! Hope to see you there!

Ballet Luncheon

Mark your calendars and save the date for the Ballet Luncheon. The Friends of the Albany Berkshire Ballet (FABB) will once again be hosting this much anticipated event at the Normanside Country Club on May 18, 2008. (A reservation form is included and also available through the School of the ABB.)

The Academies and Junior Company will perform and there will be raffle prizes! (You do not have to be present to win but why miss all the fun?) All proceeds of the luncheon and raffle will benefit the nonprofit ABB; in the past, we have raised over \$3,500 through this event that has helped to refurbish costumes and support spring performances by the company.

We need your help to make this event a success! Please consider soliciting donations

from local businesses, friends and families or contributing your talents or products to our raffle. FABB also needs help in preparing the donations and gifts for the raffle and setting up the day of the brunch. Please let us know if you can help!

Recital News

The School of the ABB's 2008 recital is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, at Albany High School. There will be two performances (1:00 and 4:30). Dress Rehearsal is Tuesday, June 10th from 4:00-9:30 PM.

Recital Photos by Dick Danielsen, who took photographers of The Nutcracker cast, will be taken on Saturday, May 17th starting at 1:15 PM at the ABB studios. This is an opportunity for students to have their photo taken in costume with their class.

Summer Session

The School of the ABB Summer Dance Program this year includes:

June 23-27: Hansel and Gretel Dance Camp
Ages 4-6 9:30-12:00 Noon

Be prepared to have a lot of fun with Miss Nancy as you take ballet class, learn some dances to tell the story of Hansel and Gretel, help make your own sets, and more dance related arts and crafts. A snack will be provided. Dance experience is not necessary for this camp— you will learn how!

July 7-11: Cinderella Dance Camp
Ages 7-10 yrs 8:30-3:00 pm

Miss Nancy will teach all her campers ballet, jazz, and dances from the wonderful story of Cinderella. Students will have the opportunity to get creative, designing and creating their own sets and costumes, as well as other dance based arts and crafts. Students should bring a



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bag lunch. Beginners and experienced dancers are welcome.

July 14-18: Coppelia Dance Intensive
Ages 10-19 8:30-3:00 pm

This dance intensive will include ballet, pointe, variations, and Pilates, focusing on the ballet Coppelia. Miss Dede (Deirdre Duffin Swindlehurst) continues to bring her expertise and experience as former ballerina with the Pennsylvania Ballet and Albany Berkshire Ballet into her teaching. Intermediate and Advanced students welcome. Students will perform for family and friends at the end of the week.

July 21-25: Dance Intensive -Tap Jazz Lyrical Musical Theatre Ballet
Ages 10-19 8:30-3:00 pm

Stephanie Morris returns to us for the third year to deliver her fun and energetic classes all week long. Stephanie brings her experience coaching competition style dancers to teach lyrical and jazz dance, as well as using popular musicals as a basis for her tap and musical theatre classes. Intermediate and Advanced students welcome. Students will perform for family and friends at the end of the week.

July 28-Aug 1: Dance Intensive and Choreographic Workshop
Ages 10-19 8:30-3:00 pm

Miss Christine (Geren) will bring her energetic love of all things ballet to this intensive week of ballet, pointe, and repertory pieces complemented with Pilates. Madeline Culpo will be sharing her choreographic expertise, spanning over a period of 30 years, with her students this week. Students will learn the basics of choreography and begin to create their own pieces during the week. Intermediate and Advanced Students welcome. Students will perform for family and friends at the end of the week.

August 4-8: Dance Intensive – Ballet, Pointe, Lyrical, Musical Theatre

Ages 10-19 8:30-3:00 pm

Miss Tracey (DiJulia) joins us from Merrimack, NH and brings her experience as teacher and choreographer for the National Miss Teen Dance Awards to us for the week. She will teach ballet and pointe, musical theatre and lyrical dance. Intermediate and Advanced Students welcome. Students will perform for family and friends at the end of the week.

In addition, individual classes will be offered as follows:

Mondays

5:30 -- 6:30 PM: Adult/Teen Elementary Ballet
6:30 – 8:00 PM: Adult/Teen Intermediate Ballet

Tuesdays

12:30—1:15 PM: PreBallet 1
4:40--5:30 PM: Elementary Ballet 1 & 2
5:30—6:30 PM: Pilates Mat All Levels

Wednesdays

12:30 – 1:15 PM: PreBallet 2
5:15-6:45 PM: Adult/Teen Intermediate Ballet
6:45-7:45 PM: Pointe (12 & up)

Thursdays

7:15-8:15 AM: Pilates Mat All Levels
12:30-1:15 PM: Intro to Ballet

Interesting Information to Share?

If you have any information you would like to share in the Newsletter, please contact Shelley Broderick at (518) 465-3255.

For further information or to volunteer, please feel free to contact any of the officers through the School (426-0671)
Reba Architzel, Co-President/Treasurer; Shelley Broderick, Co-President/Secretary; Amy Lantry-Jue, Vice President; Claire Dalton, ABB Board Representative