

December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Students:

Happy Holidays! Come celebrate the season by attending one of our upcoming performances of *"Nutcracker In A Nutshell"*! Tickets are now on sale for the performances, Saturday, Dec. 19th at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 20th at 3:00 p.m. at the Rachel Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3100 N. Beaugard Street, Alexandria (NOVA Campus.) We hope that all of you here at CBA will come out to support *The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax*. The dancers involved in this year's production have worked very hard for the last month or so and we look forward to displaying the wealth of talent that CBA has to offer. Tickets are \$18 at the studio, \$20 at the door - all seating is reserved. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to either performance on Saturday or Sunday (or to CBA beforehand), and receive a free raffle ticket for a Nutcracker themed doll! The U.S. Marines will come collect on Sunday for **"Toys for Tots"**!

The **BAE Guild** will raise funds for the BAE by raffling "Nutcracker" themed dolls at the studio and at performances! Tickets may be purchased at CBA, during rehearsals or at the theatre. The Guild will also provide flower bouquets and *"Nutcracker Notes"* on Performance Days, Saturday, Dec. 19th and Sunday, Dec. 20th, for you to present to your *"Nutcracker"* dancer. Order ahead of time at the front desk, to reserve your bouquet. The Guild is also providing pre-order dinners from Panera available to all dancers and volunteers involved in both shows on Saturday. Fill out a menu at the front desk (meals are \$11, including delivery and tip.) *"Nutcracker"* t-shirts are available at CBA for \$12. A full "Nutcracker" Boutique at the theatre will supply many of your Christmas stocking needs! All proceeds benefit the BAE.

A reminder that December tuition is due the first of the month, a \$10 late fee will be added after the 10th. Those paying by semester should acknowledge that the **Second Semester** payment is now past due, please add \$10 to your fee. (All fees must be paid in order to perform.) **Costume Deposits** for the June recital will be due **January 11th**, so plan ahead over the holidays. (\$50 per/class or costume). **Register** early for new sessions of **Kinderballet** beginning in January.

All performances on December 19th and 20th will be professionally videotaped and are available for purchase at \$32.50 (\$30 for 2 or more). These make great gifts for family members that live far away! Order forms are available at the studio or at the theatre. Please remember that videotaping and picture taking will be allowed at the CAPs performances and at Dress Rehearsals **ONLY**.

There will be class schedule changes in December due to "Nutcracker" Dress Rehearsals and Performances. Please check the bulletin boards at CBA or our website (thecenterforballetarts.com). We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for understanding!

The studio will **close** for the holidays from Saturday, Dec. 19th through Sunday, January 3rd, 2009. We wish all of you a warm, wonderful, restful and blessed holiday season. All the best to you and your families for the new year!

Sincerely,

Debra and Benn Savage, Directors