

March Newsletter

Dear Parents/Students;

We are pleased to announce that Concert 2010, featuring the ballet; "Swan Lake", will be presented **Friday, June 18th** at 7:00 p.m. **and Sunday, June 20th** at 3:00 pm. The performances will be held at the Oakton High School Auditorium. Please keep in mind that **Dress Rehearsal is mandatory** for all performers and will be held on **Wednesday, June 16th** and **Thursday, June 17th**, **both 5:00-9:00 pm**. Other **important rehearsal dates** are **May 21st, 22nd (and possibly Sunday the 23rd), and June 11th, 12th (and possibly Sunday the 13th.)** Keep in mind that we do not require rehearsal on Mother's Day, or Memorial Day weekend, so please avoid presenting conflicts for these dates. Good attendance is required by all students, in both classes and rehearsals, in order to perform in June. More than one class absence per month, may cause elimination from the program, (as may missed rehearsals.) Please contact the studio to arrange appropriate make-up classes due to prolonged absence. **Picture Day** will be **Saturday, June 5th**.

The Jazz and Tap Dance Festival 2010, directed by Marilyn York, will be held at the Ernst Community Cultural Center at NOVA Annandale Campus on **Saturday, March 6th** at 8:00 pm. and **Sunday, March 7th** at 4:00 p.m. Call: 703-751-4889 for ticket information. CBA faculty members; Ciria Martinez, Annah Robinson and Stephanie York will perform, as well as BAE dancers; Caroline Cunningham, Jani Holder, Natalie Pagano and Laura Quintela.

The Ballet Arts Ensemble will be adjudicated for **SERBA 2010** on Friday evening, March 12th. The company has been working for many months toward presenting, "Bach's Lunch", choreographed by Kathryn Posin and "La Maison de Poupee" by Florian Rouiller to Adjudicator, Richard Rein.

Other BAE news: We congratulate the following: Amanda Walker on acceptance to ABT N.Y. Summer Intensive and N.C. Dance Theatre; Taylor Beck, Jani Holder, Kailey Leinz, Victoria McGill, on being invited to ABT Summer Intensive Programs. We are very proud of all of these hard working, talented young ladies!

CBA will offer a fully intensive five week **Summer Program from July 12th through August 14th**. Week long dance camps will be offered for children ages 4 through 12, in addition to the regular class schedule offered for children, teens and adults. **Guest Master Teachers** will include; Susan Shields (formerly of Lar Lubovitch and Mark Morris Dance Companies, and Baryshnikov's White Oak Project); Tom Evert (formerly of Paul Taylor Dance Company) and Richard Rhodon (Ballet Master of the Delta Festival Ballet in New Orleans, La.) More information will be available by April 1st.

A reminder that tuition is due the first of the month, a late fee of \$10 will be added after the tenth of the month. **The third and final tuition semester payment is now due (on or before March 6th.)**

Wednesday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day - dancers may wear something green to class, if they like! Faculty member birthdays this month are: Ciria Martinez on March 21st and Florian Rouiller on the 29th. We wish everyone a "Happy Spring" on March 21st!!

Sincerely,

Debra and Benn Savage, Director