

May Newsletter

Dear Parents/Students:

Performance time is near and we are very excited about **Concert 2010**, featuring "**Swan Lake**". Performances are **Friday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, June 20th at 3:00 p.m.** at Oakton High School Theatre, 2900 Sutton Rd. in Vienna. **Tickets** will go on sale **Saturday, May 22nd - 2:00 p.m.** at the studio. Advance sale tickets will be \$12 Adults/\$10 Students, Children (12 & under) & Seniors (60 & over). Tickets will be \$15/\$12 at the door. (All seating will be reserved - so purchase early!)

Dress Rehearsals will be held **Wednesday, June 16th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. for Cast A and Thursday, June 17th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. for Cast B**, at the Oakton High School Auditorium, 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna. Dress rehearsal is **mandatory** for all performers. Picture taking and videotaping are allowed during the Dress Rehearsals **only**. CBA Concert 2010 will be professionally videotaped. Look for order forms at the front desk in June.

Picture Day is **Saturday, June 5th**. A complete schedule of appointment times will be available at the front desk and will be posted on the front bulletin board, by **May 24th**. Students should arrive ten minutes before the appointment time. Order forms will be passed out during the week of May 24th and must be filled out and ready to hand to photographers, complete with payment - (checks written to Irvin Simon Photographers). A separate order form is required for each class/costume photo. We encourage all students performing in the June recital to participate in the group shots, all classes are displayed each year in the photo collages in the studio hallway. (It is **not** necessary to purchase all pictures to be included!) **An altered class schedule** will be followed on **Saturday, June 5th**.

Volunteers are greatly needed during the following weeks leading to performance time. If you are handy with sewing or crafts and would like to lend a hand, please sign-up on the bulletin board. Classroom mothers will be needed to help with costumes and headpieces. Renee will need assistance organizing for ticket sales on **Sat., May 22nd** and weekdays thereafter. Help will also be needed backstage at dress rehearsals and on performance days, as well. Look for fundraising activities to raise money for *The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax!*

The Ballet Arts Ensemble will attend **SERBA 2010 Festival** in High Point, N.C. - **May 5-9**. Please note the schedule changes posted at the studio or on the CBA website, while we are away.

A reminder that summer is around the corner, so sign up now for **Summer Dance Camp!** We are excited to announce Guest Master Teachers; Tom Evert, Dan Joyce, Lucy Bowen-McCauley, Richard Rholdon and Susan Shields for the five week Summer Intensive Program.

Present **Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax** members, as well as members of the **Junior Ensemble** are required to reapply for company positions for the 2010-11 school year. Those wishing to be reinstated to the Junior Ensemble (or considered) must attend at least three weeks of the Summer Intensive program, four weeks minimum for the BAE (or other approved program.) All prospective BAE members must attend the 5th week of the summer session when Richard Rholdon will teach and choreograph a new work.

Summer work scholarships will be offered to students planning to attend the Summer Intensive Program, again this year. Applicants must be at least thirteen years of age,

working at the Intermediate level of ballet study and must be registered for and be available to work for weeks (2 thru 4) of the summer program. **Applications** will be **available by June 1st** and must be **turned in by June 12th** .

We have only seven weeks left until the June Concert/Recital. We ask that all of you do your best to attend all remaining classes and rehearsals, so that you/ your child may present themselves to the best of their ability. **Casting (Friday - Cast A, Sunday - Cast B),** will be posted **May 15th**. A **performance newsletter** will be available by **May 17th** with necessary information leading up to performance day. We thank you for your support.

The studio will be closed on Monday, May 31st - Happy Memorial Day!

Sincerely,

Debra and Benn Savage,
Directors