



To The Pointe

April/May 2016

SPRING GALA

Preparations for our tenth annual Spring Gala are well under way! The Gala is our end-of-the-year production showcasing what the students have learned in class all year. The faculty is presently preparing the school for "Dancing Around the World". The Youth Ballet of Worcester Company, Junior and Senior Division, is working extremely hard with Mr. Christopher Hird, Artistic Manager of the Boston Ballet School to present Coppelia.

In preparation for the Gala, I would like to mention a few things detailing the end of the year event; please pay special attention to the details, as this will bring much success to this special time of the year. The Gala will take place on Sunday, May 22nd at Saint John's High School in Shrewsbury, Founders Hall at 2 pm. Tickets for the performance will be \$25.00. Children 3 and under attend free, but must be lap sitters. Tickets are general admission/seating. Founders Hall seats 400 audience members with a clear view to the stage, no matter what the seating perspective. Tickets will be available for pre-sale on Dress Rehearsal day, Saturday May 21. We will also sell tickets at the door the day of the performance. (Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check and credit.)

Prior to the performance on Sunday, May 22 there will be a FULL Dress rehearsal on Saturday, May 21 for all levels and classes. We ask that all dancers arrive 15 minutes prior to stage time. This allows for students to get into costume, plus gives a chance to parents to take photographs. Please note that the Dress Rehearsal is a closed rehearsal. Parents and siblings are not allowed in the theatre to watch rehearsal. Please arrive to Dress Rehearsal with hair and make-up complete. This is a full Dress Rehearsal and it is expected that all female students arrive with hair fastened tightly in a bun, (with a sufficient number of bobby pins and a hair net matching hair color). All students must arrive with make-up on. Please arrive with your costume and all accessories that go with it. You will be responsible for bringing and taking home your costumes for the Gala. **DO NOT LET COSTUMES BE WORN PRIOR TO GALA!**

There is a \$75.00 costume fee per student, per class. If a costume was ordered for your child, you are responsible for paying for it, whether your child participates or not in the Gala. Costume warehouses will not refund for returned costumes. Payment submission was January 15; checks must be written to B. A.W., INC.

Information on child supervision, dismissal procedure and a request of help from parent volunteers will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Please let Miss Charlotte (charmcnutt@gmail.com) know if you are interested in volunteering. In the meantime, please have your children attend all classes until Gala, as choreography is already being taught, learned and polished for the stage. If your child is absent, they will miss a lot of rehearsal time and information and this holds the preparation process back for the instructor, as well as for the class.

Wishing all the students the best performance filled with pride and excitement!

SPRING GALA TEE SHIRTS

This year BAW will be taking orders for commemorative tee shirts to celebrate participation in the Spring Gala. The cost is \$20. Order forms will be available at the theater.



TUITION STATEMENTS

Final tuition statements are being issued. If there are any discrepancies, please contact the bookkeeper at: bernagena@gmail.com.

WORCESTER COUNTY DANCE FESTIVAL

Ballet Arts Worcester hosted the third annual Worcester County Dance Festival on April 16. It was a huge success with ten schools participating. There was a fun Master Class given by Edmy Ortiz and Flamenco Worcester. We had special guest speakers: Elisabeth Morray, PhD and Elizabeth Sullivan, MA. Both ladies are former dancers who have created The Dancer's Toolkit, specialists in Dancer Wellness/Personal Coaching. They provided valuable information to the dancers and their families.

TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA FACIAL PAIN ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

Through the energies of BAW student, Hannah Babb, and her school associate, Lean Allen, there will be a silent auction to raise money for research of Trigeminal Neuralgia. All proceeds will go directly to the Facial Pain Association. Some items to be auctioned off include private lessons from BAW instructors, restaurants, and more. If you would like to donate an item for this cause, please contact Ms. Jen or Hannah Babb.

YOUNG CHOREOGRAPHER'S CONCERT

Our young choreographers have been working very hard over the last couple of months. They will present their works at the Young Choreographers' Concert at BAW studios. The date of this concert will be announced soon.

CLASSES RESUME

Regular classes resume after the Gala. On May 9th, a make-up schedule was emailed to all families. Parents, please come in to BAW once in a while to reference the information/bulletin boards to keep you current on the happenings at the school.

NUTCRACKER NEWS

Auditions for the 2016 Nutcracker are on September 10, 2016. We are adding another show this year. There will now be two shows on Sunday at 1:00pm and 5:00pm. We will not be presenting the school show on Monday.

TRIVIA CORNER

The amount of energy needed to perform a ballet is about the same as playing two full football matches or running 18 miles.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

BAW would like to congratulate Megan Costa for her outstanding performances at YAGP, Dancers Inc. competition and Spirit Dance competition in Rhode Island. Megan received high honors with her performance of *Un Autre Ete*. Megan represented BAW very well and I am so proud of her accomplishments.

YOGA at BAW

BAW Yoga is back on track!
ALL LEVELS AND AGES WELCOME!

Hatha Yoga: Tuesdays 5:30-6:45. Come finish out your day with Stretching and Toning, and learn how to connect breathe with movement.

Vinyasa Yoga: Saturday mornings 9:30- 10:30. Kick start your morning with Deep Stretch and Dynamic Movement, Deep Breath....building the heat and energizing the body.

Cost: \$10 per drop-in class; or \$40 for 5 classes (good for 3 months from date of purchase).
Look to our Facebook page for updates.

SUMMER DANCE AT BAW

Open Classical Ballet Class

Ages 14 through Adult 7:00-8:30
June 7 - 30 Tues, Wed, & Thurs.
July 5 - August 25 Tues & Thurs.
Ages 11 to 13 5:15 - 6:45
July 7 - 30 Tues & Thurs
Ages: 8 to 10 4:00-5:15
July 7 - 30 Tues & Thurs

The Young Dancer's Summer Day Camp

August 1 - 5
Ages 5 - 6 9:00 to noon
Ages 7 - 12 9:00 to 12:30

Summer Pointe Class

Mondays, 5:00 - 7:00.

Pre-pointe warm-up, barre and center practice concentration. Beginner to advanced dancers. (Must have at least one year of prior pointe training.) Registration is required. Dance classes are subject to change without notice.

<p style="text-align: center;">CALENDAR OF EVENTS:</p> <p>Student Choreographer's Concert Date: TBA Time: 6:00pm Place: Ballet Arts Worcester</p> <p>Spring Gala Dress Rehearsal Date: May 21, 2016 Time: A schedule will be distributed by the end of March Place: St. John's High School, Shrewsbury, Founder's Hall</p> <p>Spring Gala: Date: May 22, 2016 Time: 2:00 p.m. Place: St. John's High School, Shrewsbury, Founder's Hall Cost: \$25</p> <p>Last Day of Spring Classes at BAW June 4, 2016</p> <p>First Day of Open Classes at BAW June 7, 2016 (See schedule above)</p> <p>Nutcracker Auditions Date: September 10, 2016 Time: TBA Place: Hanover Theater</p>	