



To The Pointe

February/March 2016

WORCESTER COUNTY DANCE FESTIVAL

Ballet Arts Worcester is hosting the third annual Worcester County Dance Festival – an evening of dance celebrating New England’s talented schools and companies on one stage. April 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to help out with this event. We need people to help with front of the house, ushers, backstage help, etc. If you are interested, please contact Miss Jen. We are also looking for sponsors for the show. If you or anyone you know would like to sponsor this outstanding program, please contact Ms. Charlotte.

This year, we are having 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 have worked with the School of American Ballet and the Gelsey Kirkland School. An interactive lecture is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 16 from 3:30-4:30. The cost to attend this special event is \$10.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Gala before the show, at intermission and after the show. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Charlotte.

PETER and the WOLF/ HANSEL and GRETEL

On February 24, 2016, the Youth Ballet of Worcester Company presented *Peter and the Wolf* and *Hansel and Gretel* at the Hanover Theater for the Performing Arts for local school students. The performances were a huge success despite the inclement weather. It was fun to have Mr. Larry Bell, composer of *Hansel and Gretel* sit in the audience and enjoy the performance for a second time. He has become a great aficionado of BAW and he is smitten by the ballet we have produced off of his composition for instruments. We thank Prof. Douglas Weeks and his student orchestra at WPI for an outstanding collaboration.

FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK:

All of BAW would like to congratulate Ms. Katrina and her family on the birth of their daughter, Molly. Molly entered this world at 9lb 13 oz in January. We wish her and the entire McCormick family much love and restful nights. ☺

BRING A FRIEND TO CLASS

All BAW students may invite a friend to take a class at BAW. The open times are:
March 21st through April 2nd
April 11 through April 16 and
April 28 through May 2nd. If you have friends that are interested in ballet, encourage them to try BAW for exceptional ballet instruction.

YOGA at BAW

Starting the week of April 4 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.

STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY

The next student Choreographer’s meeting/ second audition will be held on March 26th. Sign-ups will be on the black information wall at the school. The concert will be May 14th at 6:00pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BAW!!

On Monday, February 1, 2016, Ballet Arts Worcester celebrated its 10th year. Way to go!!!

SPRING GALA

The Spring Gala will take place on Sunday, May 22 at the brand new Theatre at Saint John's High School in Shrewsbury, Founders Hall at 2 pm. Tickets for the performance will be \$25.00 for admission. Tickets are general admission/ seating. Founders Hall seats just under 400 audience members with a clear view to the stage, no matter where the seating perspective is. 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.)

The production fee for the Spring Gala is \$75.00 and it **was due** January 15, 2016. If your student participates in two or more styles of dance or participates in multiple levels, you will need to purchase costumes for each of these classes. Example: Ballet and Jazz requires a costume for each style; thus \$150. Or your student is enrolled in Primary 2 and Primary 3, the cost will be \$150 for the two costumes. If you wish your child to participate in only one dance, please let Ms. Charlotte know as soon as possible. (charmcnutt@gmail.com).

SPRING GALA TEE SHIRTS

This year BAW will be offering commemorative tee shirts to celebrate participation in the Spring Gala. The cost will be \$15 to \$20. Keep an eye out for the design and order forms coming soon to BAW.

TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA FUNDRAISER

Under the auspices of Dance for Trigeminal Neuralgia, created by BAW's Hannah Babb and Leah Allen, The Youth Ballet of Worcester Company will again have the opportunity to perform *Peter and the Wolf* and *Hansel and Gretel* at Grafton High School. This performance will be at Grafton High School. Proceeds from this event will go towards funding research for a condition close to all our hearts - trigeminal neuralgia. The date and time of this event will be announced soon.

SUMMER DANCE AT BAW

Open Classical Ballet Class

Ages 12 through Adult 7:00-8:30

June 9 - 25 Tues, Wed, & Thurs.

July 7 - August 27 Tues & Thurs.

Ages 9 to 11 5:15 - 6:45

July 7 - 30 Tues & Thurs

The Young Dancer's Summer Day Camp

August 3 - 7

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.

TRIVIA CORNER

The dancer's body is simply the luminous manifestation of the soul. The true dance is an expression of serenity; it is controlled by the profound rhythm of inner emotion. Emotion does not reach the moment of frenzy out of a spurt of action; it broods first, it sleeps like the life in the seed, and it unfolds with a gentle slowness. The Greeks understood the continuing beauty of a movement that mounted, that spread, that ended with a promise of rebirth.

-Isadora Duncan-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Student Choreography Concert

Date: May 14, 2016

Time: 6:00pm

Cost: \$8.00

Place: Ballet Arts Worcester

BAW is open for regular classes:

Good Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26.

Parent Observation Week

April 4, 2016 through April 9, 2016

Worcester County Dance Festival

An evening of dance celebrating dance in New England.

Date: April 16, 2016

Time: 7:00

Place: Anna Maria College, Zecco Hall

Cost: \$15

April Break

April 18 through April 23, 2016. No classes.

Student Choreographer's Concert

Date: May 14, 2016

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Ballet Arts Worcester

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

Spring Gala:

Date: May 22, 2016

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: St. John's High School, Shrewsbury, Founder's Hall

Cost: \$25

Last Day of Classes at BAW

June 4, 2016