



To The Pointe

June/July 2016

SPRING GALA

The Ballet Arts Worcester Director and Faculty would like to congratulate all the students of BAW. The Spring Gala, held on May 22, was a wonderful culmination of all the hard work the students put in during the 2015-2016 year. There were so many memorable moments this year, senior projects, so mature, showcasing a wealth of knowledge and experience through their time at BAW. Our theme this year was *Dancing Around the World*. Our dancers performed pieces representing differing cultures around the world. Mexico, Egypt, Japan, India and several European countries were represented beautifully. The Boys and Girls Club dancers were magnificent showcasing Morocco. The jazz dancers excelled in their presentation of Kenya. Our very own Youth Ballet of Worcester Company demonstrated their progress in *Swanhidla's Friends* from *Coppelia*, *Danse Espagnole*, and *Tournament Galop*. The highlight of the afternoon was a performance in memory of Adrianna Lanzarini, (Isabella Lanzarini's mother) choreographed by BAW faculty member Ana Luisa Thompson-Konopka. The progress we see in all the students is quite gratifying. Kudos and Bravos to all of you. We hope that all the students have a wonderful summer and continue their dance studies.

DEPARTING SENIORS

The Spring Gala was also a bittersweet time as we said good-bye to our graduating seniors - Hannah Babb, Sophia Calandra, and Aimee Travis. We wish them much success in their new endeavors. Hannah is headed to Simmons College. Sophia is attending Boston University and Aimee will be at Alabama University. We are so proud of our girls.

YOUNG CHOREOGRAPHER'S CONCERT

The Young Choreographers' Concert was held on June 4 at BAW. Nine students presented pieces that ranged from solos to duos and ages seven to 41.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Art Krauss, the artist we collaborated with last summer with "Paint Dance," has asked BAW to collaborate again. He is looking to reprise solos from last year and feature one other dance with an ensemble. The performance will take place at Olde Sturbridge Village on the last weekend in June.

Talin Avakian, a former student, is now a film maker and she has contacted BAW to make a short movie exploring identity and coming of age in adolescent dancers. She has selected BAW because it has filled her ideas for location, dancers, and space. She has chosen 10 dances from Levels Primary 3 and up and has casted the film that will potentially go to The Boston International Film Festival. BAW is honored to be a part of Ms. Avakian's vision for her project and honored to have quite the opportunity.

TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA FACIAL PAIN ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

The silent auction to raise money for research of Trigeminal Neuralgia netted \$1,300. All proceeds will go directly to the Facial Pain Association. Thank you to all who contributed.

NUTCRACKER NEWS

Auditions for the 2016 Nutcracker are on September 10, 2016 at the Hanover Theater for the Performing Arts. 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. Reserve your place today for the open auditions via phone call or email!

SPRING GALA VIDEOS

You can purchase a copy of the Spring Gala at the BAW studio for \$10 cash.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

First Day of Open Classes at BAW

June 7, 2016 (See schedule above)

First Day of Fall Classes:

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Nutcracker Auditions

Date: September 10, 2016

Time: TBA

Place: Hanover Theater

Youth Ballet of Worcester Company Auditions - All Divisions

Date: September 24, 2016

Time: TBA

Place: Ballet Arts Worcester

BAW OFFICE HOURS

BAW has limited hours during the summer.

July

Monday 5:00 - 7:00

Tuesday 4:00-8:30

Wednesday - Closed

Thursday 4:00 - 8:30

Friday - Closed

Saturday - Closed

August

Monday 5:00 - 7:00

Tuesday 4:00-8:30

Wednesday - Closed

Thursday 7:00 - 8:30

Friday - Closed

Saturday - Closed

Please email Ms. Jen or Ms. Charlotte for questions or other happenings concerning BAW. It is the fastest way to reach us!

FREE JAZZ CLASSES

Ms. Jen is giving a free jazz class to those students who enroll in the Open Ballet Classes in July for ages 8 to 13. She will choose one day for each level throughout the month!

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.

(No class Monday, July 4)

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.

EVALUATIONS

Evaluations and level assignments are due to come out mid-July.

REGISTRATION

for the 2016-2017 School Year

Online registration is currently disabled until August. In studio registration will be held August 23, 24, and 25 from 5:00-7:00. Please tell people how wonderful BAW is. Enrollment is ongoing throughout the year!

TRIVIA CORNER

Prima Ballerina Assoluta is a title awarded to the most notable of female ballet dancers. This rare honor is traditionally reserved only for the most exceptional dancers of their generation. This title is very rarely used today and recent uses have typically been symbolic either in recognition of an international career or exceptional service.