



FOOTNOTES

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CHARLESTON BALLET NEW SEASON "POINTE TO THE FUTURE"



The Charleston Ballet announces its 2009-2010 season, POINTE TO THE FUTURE, with a spectacular array of performances, featuring a Halloween-themed show, our annual Nutcracker performances with the WV Symphony, and mixed bill concert in the spring featuring SWAN

LAKE ACT II. The company regularly offers a variety of talented and creative dancers, guest artists and choreographers and this year will be no different!

On October 16-17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Theater the Charleston Ballet will present a Halloween-themed performance that will include the zany DANSE MACABRE and Campaneria's TANGOS.

THE NUTCRACKER is such a holiday tradition and will be performed on December 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Maier Performance Hall of the Clay Center. Guest artists will include Miguel Campaneria, Olivier Wecxsteen as they join 75 ballet performers, the WV Symphony Orchestra and Maestro Grant Cooper to present this masterpiece of Tchaikovsky. There will also be a series of daytime student performances for West Virginia county schools combined with a tour package for the Clay Center Museum of Christmas exhibitions and displays.

On March 26-27, 2010, 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Theater, the Charleston Ballet will offer a mixed bill of ballets including SWAN LAKE ACT II and Poulenc's PIANO CONCERTO.

Tickets for the NUTCRACKER performances may be purchased through the Clay Center at 304-561-3570. For the NUTCRACKER school performances, call the Clay Center at 304-561-3562. Tickets for the October and March performances are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students/seniors tickets will be available later at the ballet office, Backstage Bodywear, the Charleston Civic Center Box Office, or online at tickets@thecharlestonballet.com.

For additional information, call the ballet office at 304-342-6541 or visit www.thecharlestonballet.com. The Charleston Ballet, official WV State Ballet, was organized in 1956 by Andre Van Damme, premier danseur étoile of the Brussels Royal Opera, after he came to WV and started the civic troupe. These programs are presented with financial assistance from the WV Division of Culture and History, the NEA, with approval by the WV Commission on the Arts, Fund for the Arts, Greater

CHARLESTON BALLET TO HOLD AUDITIONS FOR 2009-2010 SEASON

The Company audition will be held 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. Male and female dancers of advanced ability with a classical ballet background are encouraged to audition for the company. Dancers must be at least 14 years old and women must be proficient in pointe work.

The Apprentice audition will be held at 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7 2009. For the apprentice positions, male and female dancers must be between 11 and 14 years old with a classical ballet background and possess at least an intermediate level of technique. Girls must be working on pointe. All interested dancers and their parents must comply with the company membership regulations.

Auditions will be held at the 818 Virginia Street East studio location. Please call 304-342-6541 for additional information.

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TO THE POINTE

“Your future - how you feel about it, yourself, and everything else follows from the decisions you make, the priorities you develop, and the perspective you see things through “ —UNKNOWN

Tickets to the Charleston Ballet performances and events can be purchased on line at tickets@thecharlestonballet.com.

Dancers from the company attended master classes and performed at the WV Dance Festival April 25, 2009.

Charleston Ballet will perform for residents at Quarry Manor on June 5, 2009.

The Charleston Ballet will perform during Charleston's FESTIVALL June 21, 2009, at the West Virginia Cultural Center

Dancers will present a program at the So. Charleston Public Library on July 16, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

SUMMER DANCE SESSIONS

The American Academy Ballet will offer the first summer session of classes running for 5 weeks, June 1 to July 2, 2009. This session will offer classes including Creative Movement (4 – 5 yrs), Ballet (6 – professional levels), Adult Beginning Ballet, and Pilates (Beg. and Advanced). Adult classes are open and cost \$13.78 per class. The Pilates classes are offered with the purchase of a class card.

The second summer session will run from July 27 to August 21, 2009. No audition is necessary. Please feel free to call the ballet office for more information at 304-342-6541.

STUDIO NUZE

Congratulations to Hilary Cornell ,graduating senior from Huntington High School.

Erica Knowles has been accepted to Pharmacy School at WVU.

Anne Marie Snyder will be performing this summer for the Lost Colony Outdoor Theater at the Outer Banks, NC.

Alexis Townsend will be attending the Joffrey Ballet Summer Dance Program in New York, NY and Atlanta, GA .

Emma Pendergrass will be attending the Summer Program at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet at Carlisle, PA.

Brigette and Sheena Madden will be attending the Saratoga Summer Dance Intensive at Saratoga Springs, NY.

Renata Di Gregorio will be attending the Governor's School for the Arts.

AAB School Recital - Photo Opportunity

The annual American Academy Ballet school recital will be held on Friday, May 22, 2009, at the Civic Center Theater at 7:30 pm. Students will present dances demonstrating skills that they have learned during the year. Dancers from the Charleston Ballet will also offer performances. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$7 for Children 12 and under.

Students will also have the opportunity this year to have their photograph taken in costume by the official photographer of the Charleston Ballet, Mr. Jurgen Lorenzen of Nicholas Photography. Photos will be taken on Tuesday, May 5, beginning at 4:00 pm. Make sure to schedule your session early. Information was distributed during student classes.



The Charleston Ballet is now on **FACEBOOK** and we would love to have you sign up as a fan! **FACEBOOK** is a free-access social networking utility that people can join to connect and interact with friends, family, co-workers, and organizations. People can also add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves and their activities. The website's name refers to the paper facebooks depicting members of a college community that some schools use for incoming students, faculty, and staff as a way to get to know other people on campus. Membership was initially started by and limited to Harvard students, but has expanded to more than 200 million active users worldwide.

Become a FAN of the Charleston Ballet on **FACEBOOK** and connect with other people who are lovers of dance, people who are dancers, and people who have performed with the company in past seasons. Find out what the company is doing next, get an invitation to our next event, tell us what you think about our performances or what you would like to see us present in the future.

Go to www.thecharlestonballet.com and sign up on

5TH ANNUAL! NEW LOCATION !



our direct link to **FACEBOOK**. We will see you there!

The Fifth Annual Family Fun Bash will be held at a new location this year! This event will take place on June 6, 2009 from 6 - 9 p.m. and will be hosted by Dr. & Mrs. R. Edward Hamrick, Jr. at 1091 Oakhurst Drive in Charleston, West Virginia. This is a wonderful evening of entertainment for the whole family. Children will enjoy activity stations like the Jupiter Jump, a giant 16-Foot Slide, Clown, Tattoo Tent and a DJ with live music. Everyone will enjoy the food stations of hot dogs, soft drinks, wine and beer, popcorn, and sno cones.

Parking will be at the Bible Center Church parking lot and private transportation will be available to the event location. We hope that you will make plan to attend the Family Fun Bash with your family and friends!

FRIENDS OF THE CHARLESTON BALLET

Are you a dancer at heart? Do you have an artistic soul? A spark of creativity? Then the Charleston Ballet wants you! These are the only requirements necessary for you to join forces with a unique group of supporters and help keep the Charleston Ballet "en pointe".

We are looking for men and women of all ages and interests, of all backgrounds and talents to become a Friend of the Charleston Ballet. This group of individuals plays a significant role in contributing to the company's success which has continued for 54 years. There are many tasks that this active volunteer group performs throughout the year and these important individuals have fun working on the "inside" world of ballet, developing personal relationships with the guest and local performers, many civic professionals, board members, parents of dancers and other Friends. Everyone receives a great sense of satisfaction of seeing the Charleston Ballet grow and thrive as one of the most respected arts organizations in Charleston and the state as the "Official West Virginia State Ballet".

Please consider joining our organization as a Friend of the Charleston Ballet, allowing us to benefit from your unique talents and time. We appreciate your interest and look forward to meeting you.

For further inquires, please contact the Charleston Ballet office by phone at (304) 342-6541 or visit us on the web at www.thecharlestonballet.com or email address is: friendsofcb@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest in The Charleston Ballet. We hope you will join us!

KROGER CARDS

Call the Charleston Ballet office *today* and purchase a Kroger gift card (only \$5.00). This goes towards \$5.00 worth of groceries. Take this gift card to the Kroger service desk and load it up for any amount up to \$500.00. Using your gift card saves so much time at check out. *Just swipe and go!* Your outstanding balance will be on your receipt, so you can see when to reload at the Kroger service desk

You can use your Kroger gift card to buy gas and make pharmacy purchases, too!

The Kroger Company will donate 5% of the total groceries you buy at their store to the Ballet! It doesn't cost you a dime! This is the Kroger Company's way of contributing to their communities. Let's let them give to the Charleston Ballet !! How about that? Kroger donates to the Ballet and you get credit for it !

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May 22 American Academy Ballet Recital 7:30 p.m.at the Civic Center

June 1 - July 2 American Academy Ballet Summer Session I

June 6 Family Fun Bash 6:00 -9:00 p.m.

June 20 - 28 FESTIVALL Charleston Ballet performance June 21

July 27 - Aug 21 American Academy Ballet Summer Session II

September 8 American Academy Ballet fall semester classes begin.

October 16 - 17 Charleston Ballet Season Opener Civic Center Theater