

To The Pointe



Official Newsletter of *Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts*

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Welcome Back! Happy New Year!

I am very excited to begin a new year of training here at Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts! I hope every student has renewed their commitment to the art of classical ballet and is ready to work hard!

Please review the ABTA Calendar

As we begin a new semester, I encourage students and parents to review the calendar. Please mark your personal calendars for upcoming holidays and Spring Break.

This is always a good time to review our policy regarding snow days, as well. If Edmond schools close, we will close. If it is Saturday and schools were closed the Friday before, please consult our website at abtaonline.org or call the studio at 752-1422. In fact, if you are ever in doubt, please call the studio or consult the website. Please do not rely on the local television stations because many times they do

not post the name of the Academy as requested. All students are encouraged to attend a make-up class in the division just below for any absence or missed class due to weather.

MORE GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS...

Two of our Division 6 students, who are now in their Senior year of high school, have some thrilling news to share.....

Andrea Wolf has been accepted by audition to pursue a degree in Ballet Performance at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jennifer Higley has been accepted by audition and received a generous scholarship to pursue a degree in Ballet Pedagogy at Oklahoma City University.

Congratulations, ladies! We are all so very proud of you and your success!

Auditions for Summer Intensives

I strongly encourage all serious students of eligible age to attend a summer intensive. These intensives provide excellent opportunities for improvement and enrichment. Please watch the bulletin board for audition information.

Two outstanding programs will soon hold auditions in Tulsa:

ELLISON BALLET

Ages 12-19

Sunday, January 15, 2012

at Tulsa Ballet Studios

For times and requirements go to

www.ellisonballet.org

TULSA BALLET'S POINTE TO THE FUTURE

Ages 9-18

Saturday, February 11, 2012

at Tulsa Ballet Studios

For times and requirements go to

www.tulsaballet.org

THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS TO THE NUTCRACKER 2012!

As we turn our focus fully to preparations for *The Nutcracker*, please remember that every single class is important. Please maintain excellent attendance. If you are ill and miss a class, please be certain to attend a make-up class in the division just below your present division.

I plan to complete the casting for *The Nutcracker* in March and will post it when we return from Spring Break.

Just a reminder: The date for our 2012 performances of *The Nutcracker* has been changed to Saturday, December 1. Please mark your calendars. This means that we will have a mandatory rehearsal for all students on the Saturday following Thanksgiving next year. Please keep this in mind as you make your holiday plans for 2012!

Preparing for our performances is going to be a wonderful journey for all of us. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions along the way. I will do my best to maintain excellent communication throughout this process.

By the way, I am in need of a few more couples to be Party Parents in Act I. These parts require some rehearsal time and minimal dancing. Please let me know if you are interested!

“God creates. I assemble.”

~George Balanchine