

To The Pointe



Official Newsletter of *Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts*

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Welcome, Parents!

I am so excited to have each and every one of you join us in the studio this week! All the students at Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts have made excellent progress this year and they are eager to display their talents for you. Please sit back, relax and enjoy observing the classes.

"Don Quixote"

In just one year, we will be in our final rehearsals for the full-length ballet *"Don Quixote"*! Please remember to reserve June 25 and 26, 2009, and the week prior, for rehearsals and this wonderful ballet performance.

I am extremely pleased to announce that Alfonso Martin, Principal Dancer with Tulsa

Ballet, has agreed to dance in our production.

Visit Our New Website

Go to www.abtaonline.org and see our new website. Please use the site as a resource for news, photos, video excerpts, student accomplishments and more. During bad weather, announcements will be posted on the site regarding any closings at ABTA. Many thanks to Cordell Jordan for his great design!

Summer Study and Scholarship 'Winners

Summer is an excellent time for students to devote extra time to their ballet studies. There are many excellent programs throughout the nation and

auditions are held for these programs in the winter.

I am proud to announce that two of our students received scholarship awards to the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington, D.C. Lauren Archer and Jenna McCoy will begin three weeks of training in the nation's capitol this week. Congratulations, ladies!

Also, we have six students who received scholarship awards to Tulsa Ballet's Pointe to the Future Summer Intensive. These talented students are Lauren Archer, Olivia Sanders, Jenna McCoy, Andrea Wolf, Megan Smith and Irene Mann. Brava!

Andrea Wolf will also be training with Edward Ellison in New York City this summer.

Best wishes to all students attending Summer Intensives! We are so proud of you!

Bon Chance, Lauren!

Student Lauren Archer will begin her professional ballet career with Tulsa Ballet II in August. Lauren has trained with me since she was four years of age and it seems these twelve years have gone by so quickly. She has earned this wonderful opportunity and we can look forward to seeing her on stage. Congratulations, Lauren!

Our Graduates

Students Lauren-Elaine Sanders and Rebecca Brown recently graduated from High School. Both of these young ladies are exceptional and I know that we will all miss them! Best wishes as you both begin your university studies!

Open House and Ballet Boutique

Please join us on Thursday, August 14, 6:30-8:30 pm, for our Open House and Ballet Boutique. This will be a convenient time for you to purchase new ballet equipment and enjoy some refreshments. Hope to see you there!

New Season begins on August 18, 2008

Classes are already filling up for our New Season which begins on August 18, 2008. Please return your placement form with the tuition payment for August included. Your place will not be reserved without this tuition payment.

I can't wait to see all of you back in August! It is a joy to teach each student! Have a fun break and keep stretching!