



Ballet Royale ^{MN}
Academy of Dance

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End of Summer/Fall Term 2011 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Dancers:

We are in the final weeks of a wonderful Summer Term, looking forward to new classes, teachers and opportunities in the coming months. This summer has been non-stop—our June Interim welcomed many returning students and guest teachers Barry Leon and Mathew Keefe, and a great *Peter and the Wolf* Day Camp Dance Workshop. Our Summer Intensive and show filled July, and August brings Twin Cities Ballet's Repertoire Workshop, a second Day Camp Dance Workshop, in-studio performances and a new performing opportunity at Burnsville Performing Arts Center. Wow!

Please take a moment to read our newsletter, which is a tool to ensure good communication with you.

Reminder: FALL REGISTRATIONS are now being accepted—classes are filling rapidly, so to ensure a place in your classes, make sure to get your registrations in soon. Our **Calendar** of the school dance year and **2011–2012 Class Schedule** is on our web page, or can be picked up at the front desk.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2011–2012:

- **New Classes: “Preparation for Ballet”**—a newly developed and exclusive offering of Ballet Royale, this class is for mature 6 year olds and older who are ready and able to begin more focused pre-ballet training. **“Youth Ballet 1 Repertoire”**—an expansion of the Youth Ballet 1 curriculum, this second class gives students the opportunity to learn choreography and repertoire works while still maintaining their full ballet technique training. **Repertoire** classes also have been added as separate programs for all levels of Youth and Performance Track ballet. **“Adult/Teen Modern Dance”**—first of its kind in Minnesota, Ballet Royale is proud to offer a Beginner Modern Dance class for Teens and Adults! Two other adult/teen daytime classes include a brand new and unique to Ballet Royale, **“Ballet Barre & Pilates Mat Class”**—a fusion of Ballet and Pilates mat exercises—and a return of **“Power Vinyasa Flow Yoga”** classes.
- **Teacher News:** We are excited to announce that two of our long-time guest teachers, **Stephanie Fellner**, one of the top performance/theater jazz dance teachers and dancers in the state, and nationally acclaimed teacher **Barry Leon** will be joining Ballet Royale's regular faculty for the 2011–2012 season!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **“Art and All that Jazz,” August 20th:** Twin Cities Ballet of Minnesota trades in its pointe shoes and Jazzes it up at Burnsville’s “Art and All That Jazz” Festival, with a sampling of traditional, contemporary and Broadway style Jazz dance numbers. In collaboration with **Ballet Royale Minnesota** and **Alesso’s Dance Spectrum**, this 20 minute family-friendly show highlights the talent and versatility of well trained dancers, and promises fun for all ages. Performances are **Saturday August 20th 4:30pm and 5:30pm**, at **Burnsville Performing Art Center's** Main Stage. **Free and Open to the public.**
- **Summer Day Camp Dance Workshop, August 15-19:** *Three Billy Goats Gruff & Little Red Riding Hood.* Special five-day workshop for children 6 to 10 years old, this Camp is a delightful creative experience for all boys and girls. The workshop will include creative thinking, imagination play, dance, acting, choreography, costume design and a short performance developed around classic folk tales. Pre-registration required as classes are limited in size, and filled in the order registrations and tuition are received. Act now and join the fun!
- **Twin Cities Ballet’s Two Week Repertoire Showcase, August 20th, 11:00am:** Parents, family and friends are invited for an in-studio showcase of works and variations learned during the Repertoire Workshop. At Ballet Royale Minnesota.
- **Ballet Royale Open Houses: August 31 & September 1, 10am-Noon and 4:30-7:30pm.** Please stop by and view our state of the art facility, meet our Directors, discuss your students’ goals and learn about Ballet Royale’s top-quality comprehensive programs for all ages and levels.
- **Audition for Twin Cities Ballet’s Nutcracker:** Students **ages 7-12** from *all* area schools are invited to an **Open Audition** for TCB’s annual production of the **Nutcracker** ballet, on **September 18, 2011** from Noon–2:00pm, at Ballet Royale. **All** Ballet Royale students and dancers from **other schools aged 13 or older** with previous ballet experience will be auditioned during regular classes at Ballet Royale the **week of September 12–17th**. Interested non-Ballet Royale students should contact Denise to arrange for an audition class **prior to September 17th**.
- **Nutcracker Mandatory Parents Meeting:** There will be a mandatory meeting with parents of all students participating in the Nutcracker on **September 18, 2011 at 2:30pm**. It is critical that all parents and students involved in the Nutcracker have a clear idea of the schedule, scope and commitment necessary to make this annual production a success.
- **Nutcracker Ballet 2011:** Twin Cities Ballet of Minnesota’s annual full-length production of Denise Vogt’s *The Nutcracker* Ballet returns to its performing home at Burnsville Performing Arts Center. An artistic collaboration unique in its breadth and scope, its large cast of approximately 120 consists of local and national professional dancers, metro area ballet students from at least eight dance schools, and community members. This original professional production of *The Nutcracker* ballet—the first and only in the Twin Cities south of the Minnesota River—has become a cherished holiday tradition. **December 9–11, 2011** at the **Burnsville Performing Arts Center.**

- **Wizard of Oz –The Ballet: 2012—Save the Date:** In response to the resounding success of its 2011 World Premier, *Wizard of Oz—The Ballet* returns in May 2012! TCB's Wizard of Oz is an all new, full-length production of the familiar classic tale, done in the tradition of the great classical story ballets. It tells the adventures of Dorothy and her friends through dance and music rather than words and song, and features an original adapted storyline and original choreography. **May 11–13, 2012** at the **Burnsville Performing Arts Center**.
- **Early Bird Special on Twin Cities Ballet Season Package: Purchase both Nutcracker & Wizard of Oz shows by November 1st and SAVE 20%! Valid on Adult Orchestra tickets ONLY.** No double discounts. Patrons must purchase BOTH shows by November 1st to receive \$5 off each adult priced ticket. Tickets: Orchestra:\$26 Adult /\$21 children under 12, seniors 65+, groups 10+ ; Balcony \$16 Adult/\$12 children under 12, seniors 65+, groups 10+ Tickets go on sale mid-September 2011, stay tuned for more information!
- **An Evening of Art and Dance:** Ballet Royale dancers will again join area visual artists for the third year of this remarkable original collaboration with the **Lakeville Area Arts Center**. Performance is on **February 10, 2011**, at 7:30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS & APPRECIATION!

- **“America’s Got Talent”:** **Giselle Mejia and Dario Mejia**, two of our guest faculty (Dario also danced the role of Nutcracker in Twin Cities Ballet’s “Nutcracker”) are part of the group “iLuminate,” which is competing in the show “America’s Got Talent” on NBC. They are one of only 12 acts to move into the semi-final rounds! Watch them in coming weeks, and Vote often!!
- **Congratulations to Ballet Royale Teacher Nic Lincoln**, who has been awarded a grant from the McKnight Foundation. Nic will not be teaching as regular faculty this coming year as he pursues other professional creative ventures. **Good Luck Nic!**
- We proudly announce that **Sophie O’Malley** is now a **Certified Pilates Instructor**, which she is integrating into our private and coaching classes, injury prevention and school syllabus.
- **Congratulations to all our dancers** for great performances and dedication: *Wizard of Oz—The Ballet* was a resounding success at its World Premier at Burnsville Performing Arts Center in May, packing out both shows to enthusiastic responses. *Ballet Royale’s Spring Studio Showcase* performance at Lakeville Area Arts Center, which featured our Pre-Ballet Creative Dance, Modern, Jazz, and Performance Track dancers overflowed the house and saw great dancing! We also enjoyed a wonderful *In-studio Showcase Performance* capping off our **Summer Intensive Program**. Great job all, keep up the good work!
- **Ballet Royale’s Summer Intensive Program** was filled with energy, growth, fun and accomplishment as students made friends, improved their ballet and pointe technique, learned together and created life-long experiences and memories! The diverse training included modern, character, jazz, stage make-up, variations, classical repertoire, stage combat, acting, sewing, dance history, injury prevention and much more. Students from all over Minnesota, from Brainerd to Rochester, joined Metro Area dancers in the joy of working with fabulous guest

teachers, including Gary Joyce from Los Angeles, Leah Gallas, Dario Mejia, Peggy O'Connor and Maureen Haworth and our renowned Ballet Royale faculty. An amazing success for all!

- **Thanks to Our Parents & Families** for driving, supporting and helping all to Live the Dream!

GENERAL NOTES AND POLICIES:

- **Targets & Goals:** We have developed proprietary objective written guidelines, syllabuses and technical targets for each level, in order to clarify and communicate to parents and students what our expectations are for students moving into a new level. This will be particularly useful for students moving into and within the Performance Track Program.

Our goal is to ensure that each student's experience maximizes her or his individual growth and progress in a healthy, nurturing, non-competitive professional environment. We have found that this can be best achieved through continual, frequent and open communications. Thus, in addition to the scheduled **Parents Alliance Meetings and Conferences**, all students and parents are invited, encouraged, and welcome to contact us at any time with any concerns, questions or suggestions—we will be happy to meet and/or discuss them with you.

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