

To the Pointe

Spring/Summer 2008 Newsletter

GREETINGS

As we get nearer to the transition from Rozann-Zimmerman Ballet Center to California Dance Academy, I thought I would take the time to share some important information with you. I will send out a newsletter each quarter throughout the year in order to make sure you are aware of all the happenings at your ballet studio.

Miss Jen

NEW WEBSITE

The new californiadanceacademy.com website should be up and running very soon. Please check back often for the latest news and information. For a shortcut you can also find us at caldance.com.

Spring Recital

As the dancers are all working very hard to perform beautifully for us, there are a few important dates to remember:

Saturday May 3rd	Junior dancers (Levels A – Trans. C)	Studio Rehearsal	2:00 – 3:30
Saturday May 3rd	Senior dancers (Int – PrePro)	Studio Rehearsal	3:30 – 5:30
Saturday May 24th	Dress Rehearsal All Dancers	Big Studio	2:30 – 6:30
Sunday June 1st	Dress Rehearsal	CSUN Theatre	11:00am

It is important that dancers attend all rehearsals so they are fully prepared for the show. **The performance is at 5:00pm.** All dancers should arrive one hour before the show.

La Danserie

La Danserie is the resident professional company at RZBC/CDA. May 9th and 10th they are performing a slate of new works featuring dance from Ballet to Tango to Contemporary and music from Mozart to Shostakovich, plus a multi-media work by special guest artist Rei Aoo. They are featuring works by RZBC teachers **Judy Pizarro-Grant** and **Tatiana A'Virmond** along with a few of our Pre-Pro dancers. We encourage all of you to attend one of these performances. Watching live dance is as much a part of a dancers education as class.

Friday May 9, 2008 and Saturday May 10, 2008 at 8:00PM
Cal State Northridge Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

TICKETS AVAILABLE through Ticketmaster or the CSUN Box Office (818-677-2488)
\$30 General Admission \$20 Student/Senior DRC Member, at box office
SPECIAL PRICE FOR GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE: \$10 - Call 818-341-0530 to order.

Summer Camp and Summer Intensive

Our new **Summer Camp** and **Summer Intensive** have almost arrived. They will be very exciting and educational for the dancers that attend. Many of the Advanced students will be heading off to national summer intensives in order to gain more momentum in their training. Our Summer Intensive will offer that opportunity to the dancers at our studio that are too young for national programs but are still very serious about dance and want to improve. The summer camp will be great fun for our younger dancers who are just starting out. They'll get to learn more ballet and explore other styles of dance (jazz, tap, musical theater) as well as be exposed to some of the classic ballet repertoire through pantomime, and other exciting classes.

Everyone who signs up and pays for a minimum five days or a full week of camp by **June 1st** will receive a **FREE California Dance Academy t-shirt**. We've added the new daily price so there is a lot more flexibility for you. Do you need a day to run errands without your child? Send them to CDA for an exciting day of dance instead! Are you tired of hearing, "I'm Bored. There's nothing to do." Give them a day (or many days) filled with fun, challenging and rewarding dance classes and they'll never complain of being bored again. Pick up a flyer at the studio for detailed information. **Space is limited, register today.**

PRE-BALLET CLASSES

We are happy to announce that two new Pre-Ballet classes have recently been started.

Tuesday
9:30 – 10:15
with Miss Jen

Saturday
9:30 – 10:15
with Miss Lori

WISH LIST

California Dance Academy has a few items on a wish list so we can make our studio better. If you are able to help in any way it will be greatly appreciated. Items we would like to have – Full Sized Refrigerator - we'll take one you don't need anymore, storage benches for the waiting area - if you're a carpenter perhaps you could help build them, a receptionist – if you know anyone looking for a part-time evening job let me know. When we think of other needs, we'll let you know. I know we have many wonderful parents who dedicate a lot of energy and resources to the studio and we greatly appreciate all of your help.

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Nutcracker

Although we haven't even made it to summer yet, it's already time to start preparing for next year's **Nutcracker**. Early sign ups will take place beginning in June. There will be a discount for early registration. Late registrations will be taken in August. Casting will be posted by the beginning of September. Before signing up please make sure that you are willing to make the commitment. Rehearsals take place on Saturdays throughout the fall and performances will be the first two weekends in December. The registration information will have more details of what to expect.

Fall Schedule

Many of you are anxiously awaiting the California Dance Academy fall schedule. I assure you I will have it up as soon as possible. Please be aware that I feel a few changes to the schedule are necessary in order to fit my vision for the future of the studio. One of the changes you can anticipate is the revision of level names. There will no longer be a Transition C level but instead there will now be several levels of Intermediate. Pre-Pointe classes will be added for girls who appear to be within a year of pointe work. In addition separate pointe and variations classes will be added for upper level students. After receiving many requests, daytime classes in Beg Ballet and Pilates Mat will be added for Adults. At California Dance Academy we strongly urge you to register for classes as soon as possible. In the fall we are placing a cap on class size (this varies depending on level) and do expect several classes to be full. If you do not register ahead of time you may need to be placed on a waiting list.

Special Congratulations

A special congratulations to our students who are heading off to national summer intensive programs this year:

Morgan Quinn will be headed to Miami City Ballet's summer program. **Halaina Bostick, Nina Nelson** and **Randa Nelson** are all headed to ABT Texas. **Emily Hogan** is going to Nutmeg Ballet in Connecticut (we wish her continued success as she moves to San Francisco this fall). **Caroline Fogg** and **Alyssa DeRobertis** are off to Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre this summer. Alyssa has also earned the privilege of being asked to join Pittsburgh Ballet's Graduate Program in the fall.

We wish them all a great summer and will be excited to see their progress when they return!

Graduating Seniors

To our graduating seniors - Alyssa DeRobertis, Danielle Nisimov, Sara Kinsey and Sophia Gizienski – we hope that your years at Rozann-Zimmerman Ballet Center will continue to enrich your lives in ways you never imagined. We're sure you will all succeed at whatever you set your minds to, just as you have in your dancing.