



BALLET IN BALBOA

December 2013



BIRTHDAYS

December 1st

Kyarra Dominguez

December 2nd

Victoria Hahn

December 4th

Isabela Henderson

December 6th

Emilia Martinez-Tajonar

December 9th

Soleil Garcia

December 12th

Emma Jacobs

Eve Keehr-Hines

Ella Keehr-Hines

December 14th

Brianna Contreras

Maggie Weller

December 17th

Isabella Prado Correa

Maya Smith

December 19th

Alexandria Hrossowyc

December 20th

Aurora Masse-Brown

December 21st

Zaida Donnelly

December 22nd

Michelle Jaime

Emily Sardina

December 23rd

Maria De Santi

December 25th

Caroline Brand

December 26th

Sydnee Mahdi

December 28th

Marlie Gonzales

Amelia Pistre

Ireland Wessman-Lavelle

December 30th

Becca Wirthlin

December 31st

Violet Twilla

GIVING BACK:

SDCYB HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE IN DECEMBER

As we all prepare our own holiday meals, SDCYB believes it is important to think about those in need who may not be able to provide meals for their families. We have partnered with the San Diego Food Bank to hold a one-week food drive, with the hopes of collecting at least 400 lbs of food. If each student brings in only one can of food, we will surpass our goal! Please see below for more details – thanks in advance for your participation in this event!

What: SDCYB Holiday Food Drive

When: Monday, 12/9 – Saturday, 12/14

Where: SDCYB Office, Room 209

How Your Family Can Help:

Bring in canned goods and drop them off in the designated boxes in the SDCYB office

Please see the list of most needed food items listed below:

- ◆ Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken)
- ◆ Dry or Canned Beans
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Nuts and Seeds
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Canned Soup
- ◆ Canned or Dried Fruit
- ◆ Canned Vegetables
- ◆ Powdered Milk
- ◆ Dry Pasta
- ◆ Infant Formula



NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR HOME CANNED GOODS PLEASE.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 4-5
Tech Rehearsals

December 6-7
December Nights

December 9-10
Dress Rehearsals

December 11-22
The Nutcracker

Dec. 17-Jan. 5
Winter Break
NO CLASSES HELD

January 6
Classes Resume

WHAT'S A "CORPS"???

Ever wonder what the word "corps" stands for in the ballet? For example, what does "corps" mean in the "Chinese Corps" or the "Sugar Plum Corps" in *The Nutcracker*?

The word "corps" translates from French to mean "body," and is pronounced like the word "core". Many large ballet productions include a "Corps de Ballet", or a "Body of Ballet". This refers to a large group of dancers who perform the group dances and is a very important part of any ballet. Imagine *Swan Lake* without the beautiful lines of swans dancing in unison -- it just wouldn't be the same.

Dancing in a "Corps de Ballet" is a very challenging thing to do, as the dancers absolutely must stay together! So while you may think that the soloist dancer in a particular section of *The Nutcracker* has a difficult job, never underestimate the importance or the challenge of the "Corps" dancers behind him or her.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Rebeka Lexow is singing with the Point Loma Nazarene University Choral Union as they present Handel's *The Messiah*, at 3pm on December 8, 2013.

NUTCRACKER TICKETS

Tickets to *The Nutcracker* are now **over 70% sold out and we expect to sell-out every show this season.** To ensure you have a seat at this holiday classic, purchase tickets ASAP. See you at the Casa del Prado Theatre!



THE NUTCRACKER ON THE SILVER SCREEN



Can't get enough of *The Nutcracker*? Check out these versions of the holiday classic this year!

IN THEATRES

The Royal Ballet's *The Nutcracker*
Tuesday, December 17th @ 7:00 p.m.
Select Local Theatres

Tickets: www.fathomevents.com

ON DVD

George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*
This classic version stars Macaulay Culkin and dancers of the NYC Ballet.

Nutcracker: The Motion Picture
Starring Pacific Northwest Ballet, with sets and costumes by Maurice Sendak of *Where the Wild Things Are*.

The Hard Nut
Performed by the Mark Morris Dance Company, this hilarious version features both men and women as snowflakes!

SPRING ENROLLMENT OPENS SOON!

Believe it or not, spring enrollment is right around the corner! Current students are guaranteed a spot in their class for the first week of enrollment only. After that, all classes are open to both new and current students.

If you would like to make an adjustment to your current ballet schedule, be sure to stop by the office during the first week of enrollment and put your dancer's name on a wait list for another class day or time.

As always, families must have a zero balance on their account in order to enroll in the next semester. If you have any questions, please call, email, or stop by the office!

Monday, January 6th
Enrollment Opens for
Current Students

Monday, January 13th
Enrollment Opens for
New Students