

# Ballet Renaissance *at the Detroit Opera House*

## BALLET RENAISSANCE STUDENTS

Our students are the greatest gift to Ballet Renaissance and the city. Since we began holding classes at the Detroit Opera House in November 2008, our student base has grown to 64 students ages 3-18. Children are required to take ballet classes 2 days per week. Some of our teens take ballet classes 3 days each week, the maximum number available to date. In January Ms. Brianna will begin pointe classes with some of our older girls, and Mr. Radek will initiate a boys program. Our students are committed and hard working. We are one step closer to creating a professional ballet school in the city of Detroit, and Mr. Radek is committed to developing a company from this student base.



Katelyn Hayes  
Photo courtesy: Fred Ferris



Ms. Brianna & Mr. Radek  
Nutcracker pas de deux

## SPRING 2009 OPEN HOUSE

Our Spring 2009 Open House was a success! 50 students participated in the performance along with Mr. Radek and Ms. Brianna who performed 2 pas de deux for their students. Thanks to an overwhelming response from audience members, the show ran back to back, two times in one evening. Parent volunteers were exceedingly helpful backstage and sponsored a wonderful reception following the performance. The Open House was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor Chrysler Theatre at the Detroit Opera House.

## WITH ART IN MIND SUMMER PROGRAM

This year's summer program was a huge success. "WAIM" ("With Art in Mind"), was aimed at reaching 50 Detroit area students, ages 3-18 and was sponsored in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Detroit Recreation Department. This special ballet intensive was designed to inspire children to express themselves through choreography and improvisation (a technique in which children are encouraged to create dances spontaneously in the moment). Most importantly students were attending ballet technique classes on a daily basis.



With Art In Mind summer

## 37TH ANNUAL NOEL NIGHT

This December Ballet Renaissance performed at the Science Center for Detroit's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Noel Night. Ballet Renaissance is proud to participate annually, along with thousands of other artist in this wonderful evening of free performances open to the community.

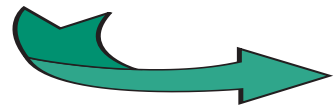
## BALLET AT THE DIA FILM THEATRE

This December Ballet Renaissance students had the esteemed honor of performing at the lovely newly renovated Detroit Institute of Arts Film Theatre. The performance was a wonderful celebration of what our students have achieved this season. Congratulations!

## PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS

We have wonderful volunteers here at Ballet Renaissance. They work tirelessly on costumes, backstage responsibilities and variety of tasks to support our mission. Thank you.

**Flip over for more**



## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Mr. Wieslaw Kokoszka, Mr. Radek's father is a Comp-TIA certified technician and is helping Ballet Ren with maintaining the computers and other related hardware. Thank you.

## MS. MITCHELL CURTIS IN MEMORIAM

Ballet Renaissance celebrates the life and generosity of long-time friend and supporter, Mrs. Curtis Mitchell who died earlier this year after several years of struggle with her health. Ballet Renaissance was at the top of a list of charities for whom she wished gifts to be made on her behalf posthumously. Her remembrance of us in this way means a lot. Her friendship and support mean more. We are thinking of her and her family at this special time of year. Thank you Curtis for your love and support.



Gabriel Partridge



Preteen/Teen Ballet

## MS. CARRIE D'AMBOISE IN MEMORIAM

This year also marked the passing of Ms. Carrie d'Amboise, beloved wife of Mr. Jacques d'Amboise, renowned principal dancer with the New York City Ballet and founder of New York's National Dance Institute. When Ms. Brianna was a student at the School of American Ballet in NY, she lived with the d'Amboises in their NY home. Mr. d'Amboise has been a long time Ballet Renaissance supporter and mentor to Ms. Brianna, and it was important that she attend the Memorial. When Mr. Radek and Ms. Brianna returned from NY, Jacques surprised them with a generous gift to Ballet Renaissance, kicking off the summer scholarship campaign. Thank you Jacques!

## DETROIT EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS

Mr. James E. Bayson, of Detroit Executive Service Corps, is a retired CPA and Plante Moran Audit Partner. He is an active member of the Ballet Renaissance Advisory Board, who has been graciously advising Ballet Renaissance in countless ways to ensure the future of our mission. Thank you Jim!

## BALLETREN.COM JUST GIVE

Ballet Renaissance now accepts gifts online. By clicking "Just Give" on our website you can contribute toward much needed scholarship for one or more of our hard-working students.

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The Best Of  
Holidays**  
*Ballet* 2010

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## GRANTS AWARDS

MCACA mini grant 2009 (\$2,000)

Target 2010 Community Grant (\$2,000)

## SCRATCH CARD FUNDRAISER

Our first Scratch Card Fundraiser is in progress we estimate BR parents will raise over \$5,000 dollars for Ballet Renaissance. Thank you!

## DETROIT DANCE DAY

In October Mr. Radek and Ms. Brianna once again enjoyed a full day of teaching for Detroit's annual "Dance Day" at the Detroit High School for Fine and Performing Arts. "Dance Day" gives local teens an opportunity to take classes with special guest teachers in a variety of styles. It is always a pleasure sharing new ideas with these young people who are so eager to learn. Ms. Brianna always enjoys watching the faces of young students as they are "wowed" by Mr. Radek's high jumps and multiple turns. It was a fun day for all.

## OUR WISH LIST

- 1 Laptop computer
- printer
- 8 costume racks
- \$1,000,000 endowment

For details please call us.

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Ms. Brianna & Mr. Radek