

# Dancin' News

Northwest Ballet School & Company  
~ 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Newsletter 2009 ~ August 31<sup>st</sup> through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> ~

## Welcome!

Classes have begun and another great year is underway! Please be patient with class sizes and placements during the next few weeks, as we want to make sure every student is placed in the correct class.

## No Classes Held...

There will be no classes held at the NW Ballet on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Handouts & Information

Please hold on to your green NWB School Brochure and each quarter's current Dancin' News Newsletter for answers to questions regarding tuition, holidays, performance dates, and any other important news items. Our website, though currently under construction, will have all this information on it shortly for you to reference as well: [www.northwestballet.com](http://www.northwestballet.com)

## Parking at the DAC

Please use extreme caution in our humble parking lot, both as a pedestrian and a driver! Extra parking is available at the First Avenue West building south of the DAC and across the street in the city shops lot after 5pm. Please respect Entrance, Exit and Handicapped signs.

## Observation Days

We encourage you to keep up on your child's progress during the dance year, but would also ask that you would respect their observation days, so as to avoid disturbing the classes at other times.

*Kalispell's DAC:* Happy Feet Division is the last class of the month, and Student Division is the first class of the month.

*Whitefish's O'Shaughnessy Center:* the last class of the month.

Thank You and enjoy watching them grow!

## Mark Your Calendars...

The end of the year recitals are scheduled!  
Kalispell: Sat., May 29<sup>th</sup> @ Glacier High School Performing Arts Hall

Whitefish: Sat., May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ the O'Shaughnessy Center

*Have a great year, Marisa*

## Nutcracker 2009

It's that time of year for all those hard working ballet students to start thinking about the Valley's first Christmas present! Auditions will be held Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at the DAC and rehearsals will begin that Mon., Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see the Nutcracker hand-out for all other information and forms. Watch for early bird ticket sales next month for all NWB patrons.

### "The Nutcracker"

Thanksgiving Weekend

Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts

Friday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> ~ \*2pm & 8pm

Saturday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> ~ \*2pm & 8pm

Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> ~ 4pm

\*Sugar Plum Parade

Exclusive Ticket Outlet: Books West, Kalispell

## Big Sky Dance Fashions

Fall hours are Monday through Thursday, 3:45pm-6:15pm. Please check your brochure to make sure you are meeting the dress code requirements, including your shoes. Dress code doesn't have to be drab, the shop has lots of beautiful new dance wear. Also available, healthy energizing snacks start at just 25 cents! Owner Natalie Molter is available at 261-1874.

## Montana Dance Arts Association (MDAA)

The fall workshop will be in Helena and occur over MEA weekend, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>. As always the NWB School's intermediate and advanced ballet, tap, jazz, and modern students will be headed down to dance. Details will be available in a few weeks.

The NWB Company had a group of members who went beyond their Kalispell's DAC and studied around the nation this summer! Congratulations to Abby Cockrell (Houston Ballet, Texas), Celia Roessmann (Austin Ballet, Texas), Meredith Stanfill (Brigham Young University, Utah), Leslie Green (Summer Dance Lab, Washington), Keiko Sagami ~MDAA Scholarship Winner~ (On Center Performing Arts Camp, Missoula) and Jenn. Walker-Wyatt ~MDAA Fellowship Winner~ (Seattle Festival of Dance Improvisation, Washington).