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EDUCATION OF DANCERS"**

A Fond Farwell

I would like to personally address the recent resignation of our beloved Dena McKell. As most of you know, she and her family are about to partake in a new adventure in a new state. Although we are losing an incredibly wonderful part of our fine school, I know that she will effect those she encounters as positively as she has as Co-Director of HBT. Her dedication to the school and the students has been unparalleled and her contributions to it's success are more than can be fathomed. She has poured her heart and soul into helping HBT grow and become such a positive place to learn. I personally want to thank her for all of her work, help, support and love. She has proved that there are selfless, genuinely wonderful people out there in the world and I am proud to say that she is not only a colleague but also a friend. Although she will be residing elsewhere, she will still be a part of the HBT family and will be invited back to teach whenever she is back in town. I know that you will all agree that she will be missed and will always be loved here.



**DENA MCKELL
CO-FOUNDER, HBT**

Kristina Grant

HBT Director

Dates to Remember

November 15—participation notification about Spring Showcase 2011 due

November 25-28—Thanksgiving Break, no classes

November 29—classes resume

December 23-January 2—Winter Break, no classes

January 3—classes resume

January 8—Saturday open classes begin



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR

SUPPORTERS.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR

TIME AND TALENTS.

IF YOU EVER HAVE A

COMMENT, QUESTION

OR CONCERN, PLEASE

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Class Spotlight

Open Ballet Class

Starting January 8th, HBT will be holding an open ballet class every Saturday from 12:30pm-2:00pm.

This class is for anyone with basic ballet experience. Both teens and adults can benefit from the technique strengthening Vaganova curriculum.

This class will cater to the dancers who attend; teens who wish to take their ballet training to the next level; professional dancers looking for a strong ballet class; musical theater students honing that triple threat; adults wanting to continue their love of dance.

This class will be some hard work, and some fun. It is the weekend, after all!

“group class, individual focus”

Spring Showcase 2011

It is the time of year when we need to start making preparations for our end of year show.

A definitive date is to be announced, but we are looking to have the performance in the last few weeks of May in order to allow for more students to participate.

Please let us know by November 15, 2010 if you are interested in being a part of this fun performance as billing for show costumes will begin with the December invoice.

Performing is a fun experience, as well as a learning experience. There is a magic about being on stage in front of a live audience. Costumes, make-up, lights, it all comes together and makes the training and hard work

during the year worth it. In the past our advanced dancers have even been able to perform classical variations, adding solo work to their experience.

Please notify us via email at kgrant@hbt.us.com by November 15, 2010.



Community Involvement

Free Dance Open House—January 10-15

Start the New Year off right by adding dance to your resolutions. Free classes are being offered all week long. No registration, just bring your friends and come ready to dance!

Intermediate/Advanced Ballet:
Tues. 5:30-7:30pm, taught by Adrienne Delas Thornton
Wed. 7:00-8:30pm, taught by Adrienne Delas Thornton

Intermediate/Advanced Pointe:
Wed. 8:30-9:00pm, taught by Kristina Grant
Intermediate/Advanced Jazz:
Tues. 7:30-9:00pm, taught by Kristina Grant
Beginning Adult/Teen Ballet:
Tues. 6:30-7:30pm, taught by Kristina Grant
Fri. 6:30-8:00pm, taught by Kristina Grant
Open Ballet:
Sat. 12:30-2:00pm, taught by Kristina Grant