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EDUCATION OF DANCERS"

## Welcome Back!

The Spring Showcase 2011 was delightful. We welcomed many new faces during the year and over the summer. We had fun, danced hard, and made great progress. The 2010-2011 season was amazing!

And the 2011-2012 season is shaping up to be better!

HBT has added a number of new classes to the schedule. We would like to welcome all our new Beginning Ballet students. We are excited to show you the joys of ballet, and hope that it brings you happiness and assists you in other facets of your life.

We also would like to welcome back all our returning students. There are many new open classes for everyone to enjoy. We hope you take advantage of these opportunities for more practice and fun.

To get us off to a wonderful start, September 24 at 7:30pm we will be attending *Dance Explosion* at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, PA. This exciting show will get everyone motivated for the dance season ahead! If you would like to join us, we have special group rates of \$19.50 for adults and \$9.50 for those under 18 years old. Reservations are due September 10, and money is due September 14.

Also this year, our Director, Kristina Grant, will be directing the *Nutcracker* at Laurel Dance in Lancaster, PA. Those who wish to be a part of this full-length performance of the classic holiday tale, auditions will be September 17, details on page 2.

And there's lots more to come as the year progresses. Welcome back, and lets get dancing!



DANZA FESTIVE SPRING SHOW 2011  
PHOTO BY AMY O'CONNOR

## Dates to Remember

September 5—Early Registration deadline

September 6—Classes Begin

September 10—Reservations for *Dance Explosion* due

September 14—Payment for *Dance Explosion* due

September 17—Laurel Dance *Nutcracker* audition

## Early Registration

Early Registration is Here!!

Take advantage of this first-time ever incentive. Enroll in HBT classes today for the 2011-2012 Season, and save on your registration fee.

- Register by September 5, pay \$25 registration fee (16% savings)

Please note, registration fee is due at the time of enrollment. First month's tuition will be due the first day of classes, September 6. Monthly tuition is due the first of every month after September.

Enroll in person or online.

We can't wait to see you for the 2011-2012 Season! Don't wait! Ensure your place in the classes you want today!



**SNOW**  
**NUTCRACKER 2009**

## Nutcracker—Important Dates

Please make sure you can commit to these dates in Lancaster before auditioning. If getting transportation to Lancaster is an issue, carpooling arrangements may be made with Kristina.

Sept 17: Auditions

Beg/Int 5:30-7 Int/Adv 7-8:30

Sept 24 : Rehearsal: 5:30-8:30

Oct 8: Rehearsal: 5:30-8:30

Oct 22: Rehearsal: 5:30-8:30

Nov 5: Rehearsal: 5:30-8:30

Nov 19: Rehearsal: 5:30-8:30

(Sat Nov 26 is Thanksgiving weekend: OFF)

Dec 3: Rehearsal: 5:30-8:30

Dec 10: Rehearsal: 5:30-8:30

Dec 17: Tentative Rehearsal @ 5:30

Week of Jan 2nd-6th rehearsals TBA

Sat Jan 7 Show at Willow Valley 2:00 PM

Sun Jan 8 Show at EPAC TBA

**KRISTINA GRANT IS**

**DIRECTING LAUREL**

**DANCE'S NUTCRACKER**

**IN LANCASTER.**

**AUDITIONS ARE**

**SEPTEMBER 17TH,**

**PLEASE SEE THIS PAGE**

**FOR MORE**

**INFORMATION.**

## Stay Connected

In today's information age, there are so many ways to stay connected! HBT is taking advantage of this technology to keep you informed.

From knowing how late rehearsal goes, to seeing if classes are cancelled because of the weather, to finding out when the next performance is, there are many ways to search for information about HBT.

As always, there is the HBT website ([www.hbt.us.com](http://www.hbt.us.com)). On it you can find schedules, tuition, rules and regulations, and almost anything you would want to know about HBT. You can also find out how you can lend a hand with your time or financial support to keep HBT growing!

The "HBT Parents & Students" section of the website is for our current students. There is a calendar showing all important dates. This is also where casting and rehearsal schedules are placed so that they can be found at any time, anywhere.

HBT sends out email reminders, so if you're

not receiving them, email Sylvia at [pr@hbt.us.com](mailto:pr@hbt.us.com) to be put on the list!

HBT is also on Facebook! Search "Harrisburg Ballet Theater" and become a fan of HBT on Facebook. Find pictures, videos and events information all in one place. And get updates on what is happening at HBT sent right to your Facebook page.

HBT students can also join the HBT group, and share stories and pictures about your dance experiences.

HBT also has a phone number: (717) 592-1511. You can always call if you would like to talk to a live person about your dance questions.

When HBT needs to close to stay safe in bad weather, we try to send out an email and update the Facebook group. We also contact WINK104, so you can keep your ear to the radio for closing announcements.

It's all about staying connected!

