



# NEW ENGLAND CIVIC BALLET SCHOOL JANUARY 2011

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**WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

## RECITAL COSTUMES

Recital costumes are ordered. Orders have been placed for only those who have paid their costume deposits. Additional costumes that must be ordered will be charged additional fees. All costume balances are due no later than **January 16th. After the 10th a \$15.00 late fee will be added to costume balances.** Costumes can take upwards of 12 weeks to arrive once ordered. Any costume that must be ordered separately will include special shipping fees and will not be arriving with the other costumes and therefore will not be guaranteed.

## ATTENDANCE

From this point forward each student's attendance is extremely important. Every week new material will be introduced and recital choreography will begin to take shape. If a student is feeling ill but able to come in and observe therefore absorbing the material please do so. However, if a student is ill running a fever or contagious please keep them home. As always, please call the studio 978-975-0289 to let us know there will be an absence. Students are expected to try and learn any material that they have missed.

## WINTER WEATHER

Please remember that in the case of inclement weather class cancellations will be announced on the answering machine. Call 978-975-0289 and press 3. Cancellations will be available after 2:00 PM weekdays and 8:00AM weekends.. We have allowed for 2 snow days (per day of the week). Should classes be cancelled more than 2 times, makeup classes will be offered. **Students should not be waiting outside in the parking lot for their rides at the end of their class.**

## PAC

**NEXT PAC MEETING THURSDAY 1/13 7:00 PM IN THE OFFICE. THE PAC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!!! WE CAN NOT CONTINUE HELPING STUDENTS WITHOUT IT!**

**THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY JANUARY 17TH.**

On behalf of all of the teachers and staff I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season full of rest and rejuvenation.

As we gear up for a busy semester we are all excited to begin preparing for our upcoming recital. As well some exciting upcoming news and events!

I am adding 2 great new information blurbs to each newsletter. First will be a blurb about dance history or current dance news. The 2nd will be a healthy snack/recipe that I have discovered and can't wait to share.

## TUITION PAYMENTS

Please remember that all tuition is due in the office by the 15th of each month. This policy remains in place regardless of student's attendance. The school is open Monday through Thursday 3:30-9:30 and Saturday 10:00-3:00. Payments can also be mailed to the address shown below. All payments received (postmarked if mailed) after the 15th will receive a late fee. Any questions or requests for alternate payment arrangements or waive of late fees must be put in writing to:

**NECB BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**PO BOX 2155**

**METHUEN, MA 01844**

*Monday January 3...First day of class*

*Monday January 17...No Class Civil Rights Day*

*Monday February 22 -Saturday February 27....Winter Break*

*Technical Rehearsal...TBA*

***(Mandatory for ALL students)***

*Dress Rehearsal...TBA*

***(Mandatory for ALL students)***

*Recital Photo Shoot...TBA*

*Recital...TBA*

*Spring Break...TBA*

*Monday May 30...No Class Memorial Day*

*Thursday June 23...Last day of School Year*

*July 11-28 Summer Session*

*August 1-18 Summer Session*

**SEMESTER II**

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**STUDENTS  
PLEASE DRESS  
WELL  
COMING AND  
GOING TO  
CLASS:  
WEAR YOUR  
COAT!**



**Did You Know??**

Marius Petipa changed the structure of the performance of ballet. He set the stage to highlight the ballerina who was expected to have a solo or a pas de deux in each act. Petipa planned his ballets meticulously. His creations include *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Raymonda*, *La Bayadere*, *Don Quixote* just to name a few. Current productions set by various companies ABT, Boston Ballet, NYC etc are staged after Petipa's choreography.

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## COMING SOON!

Looking to the future our 4th annual calendar fundraiser will begin in mid April. This calendar raffle will consist of all cash prizes and gift certificates. Each person that purchases a calendar will be eligible to win over and over. The calendar raffle will go to support NECB's scholarship fund. It is our sincere hope that each student will sell a minimum of 5 calendars. Calendars are great gifts. Students will receive more information in the upcoming months. If you would like to become involved come to our next PAC meeting.

## NECB is welcoming: ballet instructor Leonard Ajkun

On Sunday February 6, 2011. NECB will welcome Leonard Ajkun for master classes in ballet technique and pointe.  
12:30-2:00 Technique for Ballet/Pre pointe students  
2:00-3:30 Technique for pointe students  
3:30-4:45 Pointe/Variations  
Technique class only \$30.00  
Technique and Pointe \$45.00

**Students currently enrolled in pre pointe/technique and pointe classes are required to attend. These classes will serve as part of your 2011/2012 class placement.**

### Biography Excerpt:

Leonard began his professional career with the National Ballet Company of the Tirana Opera House at the age of sixteen, bypassing the corps de ballet and qualifying directly to solo roles. Promoted Principal dancer at 18 years of age, Leonard was promoted Etoile by Ileana Iliescu, Ballerina Assoluta and Director of the National Ballet Company of the Bucharest Opera House in Romania.

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## ANOTHER GREAT NUTCRACKER

Congratulations to all our dancers on another terrific Nutcracker season. Your hard work, dedication and love of dance shows in every moment. Exciting news: A variety of photos taken during the Dec 2010 shows will be available soon for purchase on a special photo website called SmugMug. Each photo will cost \$1.00 per print or you can download the image for \$5.00 so you can edit, crop, etc before printing it yourself. Watch the studio notice boards for more information as it becomes available. A general notice with specific access information and ordering information will be sent to those that indicated emails to the studio or on the Nutcracker audition application.

## JANUARY SNACK

### MOCK-A-MOLE



**Ingredients:** 1 avocado peeled pitted and mashed, 1 cup cooked green peas, 1/4 cup chopped tomato, 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 2 teaspoons lime juice, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 teaspoon garlic salt, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, 3/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce  
**Directions:** Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and blend with an immersion blender until smooth. You can also use a food processor. Garnish with a little Cilantro and serve with tortilla chips and/or celery and carrots.

## HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY!



Danielle Anderson  
Meg Clark  
Sophia Cruz  
Chloe Ginsberg  
Riley Griffin  
Charlotte Hinchey  
Amanda Kamlet  
Erica Nork  
Samantha Onesimo  
Samya Perez  
Sydney Ramos  
Shauna Mathieu