



# NEWSLETTER

Spring / Summer 2018

## *A Flurry of Springtime Activity at the Santa Clarita Ballet*

As spring begins, we focus on the backbone of our instructional syllabus as students prepare for RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) exams in the spring. Then we move on to vital fundraising efforts with our Letter Fundraising Campaign and our Tea, which will support our lovely production of *Coppélia*.

This June production will include both Academy and Company dancers. In addition, we will also present *The Toy Shop*, our petite ballet for Creative Movement and Pre-Primary students.

We will wrap up springtime with our annual Jazz, Tap and Modern parent performance. This performance will be held at the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons on Sunday May 20th. This is a FREE event for all of our Santa Clarita Ballet families! Don't miss the opportunity to support our dancers. This is also a great way to learn about our tap, jazz and modern program. Then it is on to *Coppélia* and our summer workshops.

Our Calendar of Events is filled with many important dates and exciting events for the season. We encourage everyone to use this newsletter as a tool to better understand our programs, fundraising efforts and as a resource for noting critical dates. It's going to be a full season, so tighten your dancing shoes and thank you for your continued support.

## *Tea & Toeshoes Saturday, May 12, 2018*



Dust off your bonnets and spring best! Tea & Toeshoes is the not-to-be-missed Santa Clarita event for mothers and daughters. Join us at The Tournament Players Club on **Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>**, Mother's Day Weekend, for an afternoon tea that promises to be the talk of the town.

Tickets for Tea & Toeshoes go on sale **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This tea will include a dance performance by our upper Company members. There will be gift bags, a hat contest, a silent auction and more! Our Tea & Toeshoes event is for the entire community, so please invite neighbors, classmates, and extended family for an elegant afternoon of sumptuous food, inspiring ballet and community comradery in a beautiful setting. This event is appropriate for children and adults alike. If you are new to the studio, or have never had the opportunity to attend this event, please come enjoy this lovely afternoon! You will not be disappointed!

## June Production: *Coppélia*

In the spring of 1997, the Santa Clarita Ballet presented *Coppélia*, which was the first three-act ballet ever to be performed in the Santa Clarita Valley. Miss Corinne and Miss Carol are very excited to be presenting this ballet once again this year. Miss Pam will collaborate with Miss Carol with the addition of some new choreography. *Coppélia* will feature both Academy and Company dancers.

*Coppélia* was first performed in Paris in 1870. This ballet is considered to be the great comedy in the classical ballet canon. *Coppélia* is included in the repertoire of most major companies and is performed regularly around the world. We hope that all of our students will participate in this beautiful ballet!

Performances will be on held on **Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 & 7:30**. All performances will be held at the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons. Tickets go on sale **Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup>**.



### **REQUIRED**

#### ***Coppélia* Student/Parent**

#### **Production Audition and Meeting**

All Primary through Intermediate Foundations students planning to participate in *Coppélia* must attend a MANDATORY Casting/Audition Meeting. This is for both parent and child. Casting/Audition meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**, following morning classes, exact times TBA.

***Students, who did not complete their RAD exam in the spring, will need teacher approval. All children must be dancing at grade level.***

### **REQUIRED**

#### ***Coppélia* Company Meeting**

All Intermediate-Advanced Company members and parents please plan to attend a required Company meeting **Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm** in Studio B.

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# Letter Fundraiser Campaign

Fundraising is a critical component of life at Santa Clarita Ballet Company. As a non-profit organization, the Company is dependent on the commitment of all families to fund raise and donate time for our Company to thrive.

Ticket sales comprise only a small portion of any production budget. Our Letter Fundraiser goal is to match what we have done in previous years and raise \$25,000. This can be done with the full participation of everyone in production. We are counting on all of you!

## RAD Exams



RAD Exam & Assessment preparations are now underway. Regular, punctual class attendance is necessary in order to learn the work proficiently. If you miss class, you must make it up at your current grade level.

Piano Practice Exams, or "Mock" Exams, with our pianist, are MANDATORY for Primary through Advanced 2 students. Specific times and dates of practice exams for each grade level will be announced as soon as possible. Final Exam dates from the RAD have not yet been finalized. Our window for exams is **March 26<sup>th</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>** \* (exact days and times TBA).

## Summer Workshops



Summer Workshops for Primary through Advanced students allow reinforcement of previously learned work and an opportunity to preview new work. Best of all, workshops are a fun summer highlight for our dancers. Senior Workshop is required for all Company dancers and strongly encouraged for all Academy students. Workshops and Workshop Sign-up dates are listed on our Calendar of Events.

Several of our graduating upper Company dancers are considering acceptances to prestigious university dance programs with professional ballet company affiliations. We look forward to the announcements of their decisions at Jazz/Tap/Modern Parent Performance.

## PETITE Ballet: THE TOY SHOP

Our Petite Ballet *The Toy Shop* performance, for Creative Movement and Pre-Primary, students will be held on **June 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm - 8pm** at Rio Norte Jr High School. Sign-up sheets for *The Toy Shop* will be available in the main studio as of **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**. While students at this age are too young to perform with us at the Performing Arts Center, *The Toy Shop* is designed to allow them a valuable opportunity to begin building stage experience and confidence.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	DATE
<i>Coppélia</i> Company Audition/Parent Meeting	1/27
<i>Coppélia</i> Academy Audition/Parent Meeting	2/10
Letter Fundraiser Campaign Begins	2/11
<i>The Toy Shop</i> Petite Ballet Sign-ups	2/24
Practice ("Mock") RAD Exams with Pianist	TBA
*RAD Exam Dates	TBA
<i>Tea &amp; Toeshoes</i> ticket sales begin	4/2
Summer Workshop Sign-ups	4/2
<i>Coppélia</i> ticket sales begin	5/1
<i>Tea &amp; Toeshoes</i> Community Event	5/12
Modern/Jazz/Tap Parent Night	5/20
Petite Ballet: <i>The Toy Shop</i>	6/8
June Production: <i>Coppélia</i>	6/9
Senior Workshop	6/18-7/6
Junior Workshop	7/9-13
SCBA's Petite Ballet Camp	7/16-20

## Please "Like" Us

We are eager to share with the community the many exciting things happening at Santa Clarita Ballet Academy & Company. Help us spread the word by following us on Twitter and Instagram and liking us on Facebook. We need all families with Facebook accounts to tag our Facebook posts and repost them to their private accounts so everyone can learn more about our programs.

