



Ballet in Balboa

DECEMBER 2017



Birthdays

December 1

Graysen Luthye

December 2

Lilian Giancola
Sonya Gonzales
Caralisse Quitevis
Sarah Salmon

December 3

Lucia del Rio

December 4

Tristan Barber
Venus Garcia

December 5

Sydney Nitzel

December 7

Fernanda Olivares

December 8

Gus Garcia

December 10

Eva Clark

December 12

Emma Jacobs
Ella Keehr-Hines
Eve Keehr-Hines

Sylvia Morales-Andrianaivo

December 13

Clíodhna McClellan

December 14

Irene Morales

December 17

Sarev Medina
Georgia Resch

December 19

Alexandria Hrossowyc

December 21

Amelia Mike
Leia Thompson

December 22

Noelle Kiser
Caleb Knickerbocker

December 26

Zoe Burkart

December 28

Amelia Pistre

Gabriel Ruck

Ireland Wessman-Lavelle

December 29

Ariel Rangel

December 31

London Barber
Michelle Thibaut
Violet Twilla

The Nutcracker Reminders

With *The Nutcracker* happening this week, we thought it would be a good idea to remind parents and dancers of important dates to keep in mind.



★ **Tickets are selling out FAST, and some shows are close to selling out!** The Scout Show is completely sold out, and the School Show has very limited space available! **Performances begin on December 6th and run through December 17th.** Purchase your tickets today!

★ Don't forget to join us for the **Cast Party, happening on December 16th** in between shows. Dancers in the cast attend for free. Come celebrate the end of a successful production!

★ **Show your dancer appreciation with a rose!** A limited number of roses will be available for purchase in the lobby for you to give to your dancer at each public performance. Please note that there will be no backstage deliveries for any roses purchased.



★ Dress Rehearsals are on **Monday, December 4th** for dancers in Cast A and **Tuesday, December 5th** for dancers in Cast B.

★ **Cherish the memories from this year's production by purchasing professional photos and/or a DVD/Blu-Ray.** *PBM Images* will be taking photos during the dress rehearsals, and *Video Connections* will be recording both Cast A and Cast B during the performances. Order forms are available in the office and at the sign-in table at the theater.



Spring Enrollment Information

Believe it or not, Spring 2018 enrollment is right around the corner! **Current students' spots are held in their current class(es) for the first two weeks of enrollment only.** After that, all classes are open to both new and current students. **If you would like to make an adjustment to your current ballet schedule, be sure to stop by the office during the first two weeks of enrollment and put your dancer's name on a wait list for another class day or time.** As always, families must have a zero balance on their account in order to enroll in the next semester. Enrollment can be done in person with cash (no bills over \$50), check, or card, or over the phone paying the full balance with card only. **Be sure to enroll during the first two weeks to guarantee your dancer's spot!** If you have any questions about enrollment, please call, email, or stop by the office!

Tuesday, January 2nd Enrollment Opens for *Current* Students

Tuesday, January 16th Enrollment Opens for *New* Students

Stop by the office to pick up a Spring 2018 brochure starting December 8th or view it on our website. Please note that there are some slight schedule adjustments for some classes. As always, enrollment will begin at 12:00pm Monday—Friday, and at 9:00am on Saturday. Please note that we will only be taking enrollment during our regular business hours, so please plan accordingly.

Important Dates

December 4—5

The Nutcracker Dress Rehearsals

December 6—17

The Nutcracker Performances

December 12—January 1

Winter Break: **NO CLASSES HELD**

January 2

Fall Classes Resume

Spring Enrollment begins for *Current* Students

SAVE THE DATE:

January 13

A Midsummer Night's Dream Auditions

January 15

CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 16

Spring Enrollment begins for *New* Students

February 1

SDCYB's Fundraiser Eve

Farewell Miss Ting!

SDCYB is sad to announce the departure of one of our amazing faculty members, Miss Ting. As you may know, Miss Ting works for a law firm, and her career in the world of law has been taking off! She is working 60+ hours a week, and is being asked to travel often, which is why she has had to have a fair amount of substitutes lately. We are going to miss having such a wonderful teacher on our staff, but we are so excited to see where her career heads! She does plan on staying on our substitute teacher list, so hopefully we will still see her around every now and then. **Please join us in wishing Miss Ting "good luck!"**

Teacher's Corner: Miss Danika's Performance Tips

With *The Nutcracker* coming up in just one week, we wanted to share with you some useful tips for when you finally get to take the stage!

- 1. Come prepared:** It is important to check your ballet bag before each and every dress rehearsal and performance to make sure you have everything you need. Make sure you have clean tights, make-up, bobby pins, hair-nets, **your ballet/poinette shoes**, and of course a healthy snack, and anything else you need for the show.
- 2. Review your choreography:** Before you go on stage, it is always a good idea to find a quiet place to walk through all of your steps. This can help you focus before a performance, and help ensure that you do your very best job on stage!
- 3. Get rest when you can:** 10 performances of *The Nutcracker* is a huge undertaking, even for a professional dancer. It is important to get as much sleep as possible in between shows, and take care of your body, icing any part of your body that is starting to bother you and taking preventative steps to make sure you don't end up with an injury.
- 4. ENJOY YOURSELF!** You have worked hard for the past 10 weeks, and it is finally your time to shine on stage! It is an amazing feeling to dance in bright lights in front of a big audience, and you deserve to have a great time up there! Great work!



Amazon Wish-List for the Ballet Library

The SDCYB Ballet Library is open and free to all parents and students! **We are always accepting donations of books or movies to add to this growing library!** We are looking for material such as dance history, biographies, dance anatomy, full-length ballet films, and documentaries. This holiday season, we would like to remind families that **we have a Wish-List on Amazon that has materials we would love to add to our collection.** Our Wish-List can be found at <http://a.co/fWs6RIF>. You can donate items through Amazon or bring them into our office. Thank you for letting SDCYB be a part of your holiday generosity. **Don't forget to stop by the office to check out a book or movie!**

The Nutcracker Fun Facts

1. SDCYB's production of *The Nutcracker* has grown year after year. This year's production has over 300 dancers!
2. **Costume Facts:** There are more than 200 gems on the Snow Queen's tutu. There are over 200 buttons sewn onto the costumes for the Soldiers. Over 40 yards of fabric were used to create Mother Ginger's extravagant skirt.
3. There is a Nutcracker Museum in Leavenworth, Washington. It is home to over 6,000 nutcrackers!



SDCYB's Gift Drive

We are partnering with Father Joe's Villages to collect gifts for homeless children in San Diego. We have set a goal of collecting at least 400 gift items, and we need your help to do it! Please bring your donation to the SDCYB office between now and Sunday, December 17th. We will also have a bin at theater for rehearsals and performances. Thanks in advance for your participation in this exciting event!

Can't Get Enough Nutcracker?

Do you love watching this holiday classic? Check out these versions happening on stage, in theaters, or at home on DVD!

On Stage

San Diego Ballet presents *The Nutcracker*

December 21st—23rd, Mandeville Theater, La Jolla
Tickets and show times: www.sandiegoballet.org

California Ballet presents *The Nutcracker*

December 9th—23rd, San Diego Civic Theatre, Downtown
Tickets and show times: www.californiaballet.org

City Ballet presents *The Nutcracker*

December 8th—24th, Spreckels Theater, Downtown
Tickets and show times: www.cityballet.org

American Ballet Theatre presents *The Nutcracker*

Featuring principal dancer Misty Copeland
December 7th—17th, Segerstrom Hall, Costa Mesa
Tickets and show times: www.scfta.org/events/detail.aspx?id=16858

Moscow Ballet presents *Great Russian Nutcracker*

December 21st, Copley Symphony Hall, Downtown
Tickets and show times: www.nutcracker.com

In Movie Theaters

Bolshoi Ballet presents *The Nutcracker*

December 17th, 12:55pm
Tickets and select theater locations: www.fathomevents.com

On DVD

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker

Celebrate Russian ballet and the beauty of the holidays with this grand production. Check this DVD out from the SDCYB Ballet Library!

George Balanchine's The Nutcracker

This classic version stars Macaulay Culkin and dancers of the New York City Ballet.

Nutcracker: The Motion Picture

Starring Pacific Northwest Ballet, with sets and costumes by Maurice Sendak, author of *Where the Wild Things Are*.

The Hard Nut

Performed by the Mark Morris Dance Company, this hilarious version features both men and women as snowflakes!