



Ballet in Balboa

NOVEMBER 2017



Birthdays

November 1

Jadzya Guzman
Lovey Mather
Jasmine Scarafone

November 3

Carolina Pimentel
Fable Thurston

November 5

Miranda Arvizu

November 9

Skyler Fogel

November 10

Emily Allen
Sylvia McMakin

November 12

Alessandra Escobar-Moeller
Eliana Reed

November 13

Anika Heidt
Julia Josset

November 14

Giulietta Luongo

November 15

Amarissa Ailey
Harper Bell

Sophia Haiman
Aliyah Lee

November 19

Haelyn Libby
Brontë Redman

November 20

Jolie Rojas

November 22

Delanie Tasto
Magnolia Wilke

November 23

Amanda Miller

November 27

Olive Von der Kret

November 24

Andrew, Edward, and
Lara Dobrokhotov

November 25

Faith Alonzo
Cecily Gates

November 26

Camilla Gomez
Marissa Medina

November 27

Olive Quinlan-Tarbell

November 28

Shayla Jangula

November 28

Brianna Morales

November 29

Reese Tomlinson

Parent Observation Week

Once a semester, SDCYB holds Parent Observation Week, during which parents are invited to watch their dancer's ballet classes. This is a great time to see the progress that your dancer has made over the first few months of the semester, and we hope you will join us in our studios this month. **Parent Observation Week for the Fall Semester will be held from Monday, November 13th through Saturday, November 18th.** During this week, you are welcome to observe any/all of your dancer's classes. If you choose to attend one of your dancer's classes, please make sure to observe quietly. This means turning off cell phones, securing child care for any younger siblings who may cause a distraction to the class, and refraining from talking with other parent observers. Also, please avoid going in and out of the room during class as much as possible. You are welcome to take pictures and videos of YOUR OWN CHILD during class. However, per our SDCYB Policy, please do not post pictures or videos to social media. Just as a reminder, Parent Observation Week only applies to classes, and not rehearsals for *The Nutcracker*. If you have any questions about Parent Observation Week, please stop by the office where we are more than happy to assist you.

The Nutcracker Reminders

With *The Nutcracker* right around the corner, 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 and School Shows have limited space available!

Performances begin on December 6th and run through December 17th.

Purchase your tickets today!



★ Send a special message to your dancer in *The Nutcracker* program! **Kudos order forms are due by November 4th!**

★ Pre-order roses to congratulate your dancer on their performance! **Rose order forms are due by November 18th.** Please note: roses will not be delivered back-stage.

★ Remember to sign up for your required Parent Production Shifts on *SignUp.com*! **You must sign-up for your required of two shifts no later than November 18th.** Email volunteer@sdcyb.org if you have any questions. If you do not sign-up by this date, your dancer risks not being able to perform.

★ Don't forget to RSVP for the **Cast Party, happening on December 16th** in between shows! **RSVP forms are due by December 2nd!** Dancers in the cast get in for free! Only \$5 for additional guests!



★ Tech Rehearsals are on **Wednesday, November 29th** for dancers in Act I and **Thursday, November 30th** for dancers in Act II.

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

★ *December Nights* takes place this year on **December 1st and 2nd,** with shows both nights at 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00.



Important Dates

November 10

CLOSED in observance of Veteran's Day

November 13—18

Parent Observation Week

November 19—26

Thanksgiving Break
NO CLASSES HELD

Engraved Theater Seat Placards

Immortalize your place in SDCYB history with a personalized, engraved placard on a seat in the Casa del Prado Theater! Celebrate an accomplishment or memorialize a loved one, while also showing your support for arts education. Placards are \$250 and can include a dedication name and engraving up to 140 characters. For more information, visit www.sdcyb.org/theaterseats.

SDCYB's Clothing Drive

SDCYB is partnering with Father Joe's Villages to host a clothing drive for families in need. Every day, Father Joe's helps nearly 800 children in San Diego who are affected by homelessness. They help provide housing, education, and healthcare to those in need. Be on the look out for more information on how you can help those in need this holiday season, and help SDCYB give back to the community.

Stage Make-Up & Hair Demonstration

Struggling to achieve the perfect "ballet bun"? Wondering which make-up is appropriate for a ballet performance? If this sounds like you, then join us on **Tuesday, November 21st at 5:00pm in Room 203** for our *Stage Make-Up & Hair Demonstration* and have your questions answered! While this event will be geared towards our Tiny Tots through Level 2A students, dancers and parents from all levels are welcome to join us for a refresher course on preparing for a performance. Want to really get some practice in before *The Nutcracker*? Parents are welcome to bring their own hair and make-up supplies and follow along on their own dancer as we demonstrate these useful skills! **Email Miss Leila at Leila@sdcyb.org to RSVP for this event!**
Please note that this demonstration is taking place during SDCYB's Thanksgiving Break.

Adult Beginning Ballet

Back by popular demand is our Monday evening Adult Beginning Ballet Class! Parents: are you looking for something fun to do while your students are in class, or looking for a way to burn some calories? **Join our Adult Class happening on Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm in our new studio, Room 103!** The class is taught by Miss Jessica, one of our wonderful faculty members. There is a drop-in rate of \$12 per class, which means no commitment to attending every week. Stop by the office for more information! Classes begin November 6th!
Please note that this class is only for adults 18 years of age and older.

SDCYB Performs with the Sun Harbor Chorus

Come see select SDCYB dancers perform alongside the Sun Harbor Chorus! SDCYB was asked to perform in **Sun Harbor Chorus' 40th Annual Christmas Show: Welcome to Toyland** as part of a special collaboration. The performance takes place on **Saturday, November 25th at 2:00pm in the Casa del Prado Theater**. Tickets and more information available at sunharbor.org.



Upcoming Performances Around Southern California

City Ballet Presents

The Firebird

Featuring SDCYB's Miss Brook
November 3rd—5th,

Spreckels Theatre, Downtown San Diego

Tickets and show times: www.cityballet.org
Stop by the office for a special flyer for \$12 tickets!

San Diego Ballet Presents

Homegrown

November 3rd—5th and 10th—12th,
White Box Theater, Liberty Station

Tickets and show times: www.sandiegoballet.org



The Nutcracker Fun Facts

1. Clara and the Nutcracker Prince's travels through the *Land of the Sweets* originate from actual desserts. They enjoy a display of Spanish chocolate, Arabian coffee, Chinese tea, Russian candy canes, Gingerbread cookies, a marzipan Shepherdess and her sheep, and, of course, sweet sugar plums.
2. The score for *The Nutcracker* is not only Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's most famous work, it is one of the most famous pieces in all of western music. Despite its popularity and renown, *The Nutcracker* score was not one of Tchaikovsky's favorites. One part of the score Tchaikovsky did enjoy was his use of the celesta, an instrument he discovered during a trip to Paris. The celesta looks like a piano but instead of hammers striking strings, the hammers strike steel plates. It can be heard in the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.
3. *The Nutcracker* ballet is originally based on the story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* written by E.T.A. Hoffman in 1816. The main character of this story is named Marie instead of the now common Clara.

Teacher's Corner: Why We're Thankful for Ballet

Ballet is such a unique and beautiful art form, and it has the ability to touch an audience and provide them with an amazing experience. Ballet is also something that brings many benefits to the dancers and teachers who present it, and we thought in honor of Thanksgiving this month, we would ask our teachers why they are thankful for ballet. Here are some of their answers:

"I am thankful for ballet because it gave me an outlet to express myself as a child. It allowed me to find something I was truly passionate about, and learn how to dedicate myself to what I loved. I am thankful that children today have different ways to express themselves, and find their own way to bring beauty into the world."—Miss Danika

"I am thankful for ballet because it is always a part of my life! Now I get to teach my toddler at home musicality and how to jump and turn like I do with my students in the classroom!"
—Miss Kerri

"I am grateful for ballet because it has brought me happiness and entertained my imagination since I was a boy."
—Mr. Justin

"I am thankful for ballet because it is constantly challenging me!"—Miss Leila

"I am thankful for ballet because it has given me a life-long hobby that both stimulates my brain, allows me to be extremely creative, while also being one of the best work-outs to keep me fit and healthy. I am also thankful for ballet because as a teacher, I get to meet so many new dancers each year and watch them grow and flourish as dancers!"—Miss Ting

"I am thankful for ballet because it makes me feel good about myself. I am not always the most graceful person in my day to day life, but when I put on my ballet shoes and take class, I am able to show off my grace, strength, and flexibility. I am always my most confident self when I am doing ballet!"—Miss Annie

"I'm thankful for dance because, it gives my heart and soul a physically-expressive voice to tell a story."—Miss Jessica

"I am thankful for ballet because it helps me stay active and healthy. And I am thankful for all the amazing people I have met because we share a love of ballet."—Miss Rebecca

Why are YOU thankful for ballet? We will have a bulletin board in the office with some notes that can be filled out and posted. Share your thankful thoughts with fellow dancers, staff, and instructors!