

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES!

Tue., September 7 .....	Classes resume after Summer Break
September 7 - 30 .....	Innisbrook Fundraiser
Sat., October 2 .....	<i>Nutcracker</i> role selection auditions
Sat., October 9 .....	<u>Deadline</u> for <i>Nutcracker</i> participation form & fee Rehearsals for <i>Nutcracker</i> begin Nutcracker tickets on sale beginning at 9:00 a.m.

See the 2010-11 Fall/Winter Calendar for more dates – including Important Nutcracker audition/rehearsal/performance dates!

## Welcome Back!

We hope that everyone enjoyed a nice summer and we look forward to seeing everyone back in class! Long Beach Ballet maintained a busy schedule through the summer with the 2010 Summer Intensive/China Tour and the Junior Summer Program.

The Summer Intensive hosted 57 dancers for three weeks in Long Beach and then continued with 34 of the dancers travelling through China for another three weeks to perform, take class and see the amazing sights.

The two-week Junior Summer Program gave our younger ballet students a chance to learn a variety of dance styles (hip-hop, lyrical, character, polynesian) besides ballet. The program concluded with a performance on stage at Hughes Middle School for family and friends.



Students watching principal dancers of the Guangzhou Ballet rehearse "Don Quixote."

### Reminder - All Students Re-Register Each September

ALL students must re-register before taking their first class. This includes:

- pay the registration fee of \$20 per student (unless enrolled after April 1, 2010)
- read and sign the 2010-11 Tuition Policies form
- pay tuition and have the option to re-instate/sign-up for automatic tuition payments (by using credit card on file) or receive a 10% discount by paying for the next 5-month session (Sep-Jan) in full.
- update family information if there are any changes (ie. address, phone, email etc.)

### Long Beach Ballet PERFORMING COMPANY

Students in Academy Levels 6 and 7 are eligible for selection into the Long Beach Ballet Performing Company. Students in Academy Level 5 are eligible for the Junior Company. The Company is a stepping stone to a professional career in ballet and is a source of inspiration for the younger students of the

Academy. Company Members travel several times during the year to ballet festivals and competitions, thus representing the Academy locally, nationally and internationally.

*Please support the Company's exciting artistic endeavors by participating heartily in our annual fundraising events: Innisbrook Wraps (September), See's Candies (Nov/Dec), etc...*

## Long Beach Ballet Announces New Faculty Members...



**Roberto Almaguer**, born in Cuba, began his professional dancing career under the direction of Fernando Alonso. He became a soloist with the National Ballet of Cuba in 1989 following two Gold Medals in the International Ballet Competition in Peru. He has been a guest artist with Miami City Ballet and a principal dancer with Cleveland/San Jose Ballet and the

Joffrey Ballet of Chicago. He is currently artistic director of Dance Peninsula Ballet in Palos Verdes.



**Bethany Butts** has a degree in dance from Birmingham College, has been a soloist for the past six years with the Georgia Ballet of Atlanta, and has extensive teaching and coaching experience with students of all ages and abilities. In addition to ballet, Miss Butts is adept at tap, ballroom, jazz and modern dance.

## ...and says goodbye to Nicole Wilcox!

*A graduate from Long Beach State with a degree in writing and literature, Nicole has decided to pursue other paths and will miss all of her students deeply. She hopes everyone will stay in touch-- MissNicoleWilcox@gmail.com*

*Many of our students had major accomplishments over the past several months. Below is a partial list*

**Katelyn Conrad** was a finalist at Youth America Grand Prix New York competition and attended American Ballet Theater's New York Summer Intensive.

**Celine Feibleman** attended the Magnus Midwest Summer Intensive in Michigan.

**Megan Wilcox** was a finalist at the Youth America Grand Prix in New York and represented Long Beach Ballet in the RDA performance at the International Ballet Competition in Jackson Mississippi.

**Jacie Jewett, Tyler Ferraro** and **Jordan De Pina** attended the Pacific Northwest Ballet intensive in Seattle.

**Megan Baker** has been upgraded to "paid trainee" status with Milwaukee Ballet and toured China this summer.

**Savannah Louis** and **Annie Scolamieri** attended Boston Ballet Summer Intensive.

**Anika Benons** attended American Ballet Theatre's Orange County Summer Intensive.

**Kassie Kershaw** and **Ellen Ford** attended Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet intensive.

**Julian Sanz** represented Long Beach Ballet in the RDA performance at the International Ballet Competition in Jackson Mississippi and will be joining the CSULB dance program.

**Veronica Russell** received a scholarship for Chapman University dance department.

**Cortne Robinson** will enter her second year as a trainee with Ballet Magnificat in Mississippi.

**Kate Stephanus** and **Megan Wilcox** toured China this summer with Mr. Wilcox.

**Brianna Regan** attended Ballet Austin summer intensive.

## www.LongBeachBallet.com has a new look!

*(check it out!)*

## NEW CLASSES ADDED

**PRE-BALLET 4 & 5** - Due to popular demand, we are pleased to announce the addition of two Pre-Ballet level classes on Saturdays. Besides the morning classes, there will be classes for Pre-Ballet 4 & Pre-Ballet 5 at 12:15 - 1:15 on Saturdays.

**OPEN CLASS** - An Open Class will be held each weekday morning from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. and Sundays from 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. This class is open to Intermediate Adult students and upper Academy Level (Acad. 5 & up) students.

*(See enclosed schedule for details)*



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