

Classical Ballet Theatre

March, 2009



Message from the Founder/Administrator

Dear Patrons, Friends, and Dancers,

Welcome to the first issue of our new Classical Ballet Theater newsletter! On behalf of all the artists and faculty at the Classical Ballet Theater I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year. I sincerely hope that 2009 is a hopeful, fulfilling, memorable year for all!

The Classical Ballet Theater (CBT) was founded in 1995 to serve Fairfax County by providing exceptional training and performance opportunities for aspiring dancers while offering high-quality, low-ticket-cost productions to our diverse community.

Since its creation, CBT has expanded its vision to include a broader educational and community outreach mission that includes a free performing arts enrichment program to area schools and "tribute" performances that raise awareness and/or honor heroic members of our community. To sustain our two-fold mission of performing arts enrichment and community outreach, CBT focuses on four goals:

Goal 1) Offer professional-level training with renowned teachers and choreographers.

Goal 2) Provide low-cost productions to the diverse population of Northern Virginia.

Goal 3) Expand student access to performing arts education by offering a free enrichment program.

Goal 4) Serve our community by raising public awareness for worthy causes and honoring everyday heroes in our community.

We will continue to offer CBT's excellence, education, and opportunities to Northern Virginia and the surrounding communities as we strive to bring art and community together!

Wishing all of you peace and prosperity in 2009,

Cynthia Donavin

CBT Founder/Administrator

Tom Sawyer Tickets On Sale Now!

We are pleased to announce that you may now choose your own seats when purchasing tickets for Classical Ballet Theatre productions. No more standing in long lines in the lobby or searching for a place in the dark! But don't delay because your favorite seat might be taken!

Purchase today at www.cbtnva.org!



Message from the Associate Artistic Director

Let me first start off by saying that creating the first ever ballet of *Tom Sawyer* here in America is a great privilege and honor for me. I first read this amazing story by Mark Twain while I was a child studying American Literature in the USSR. Since that time, I have wanted to create a ballet of Tom's escapades. Like in the movies, it is unfortunately impossible to include all characters

and scenes, so I hope to show what touched me the most: Tom's adventurous boyhood spirit.

The music that I am using was created 12 years ago by composer and friend Pavel Ovsyannikov. He has generously allowed me to use his wonderful and inspiring music to help bring my dreams to life. Natalia Kramarevskaya, a long-time friend of mine and extremely generous woman, has designed the costumes. She found time in her busy schedule to research the time period and clothing styles to come up with both beautiful and stimulating sketches.

We are now in the middle of creating the ballet. Everyone has been working very hard and sacrificing days off to insure that it will be complete and polished in time. I would like everyone at the studio to know that you have my gratitude and appreciation for all that you are doing. This is not only aimed towards my talented and attentive students, but also toward all the parents working ceaselessly behind the scenes on sets, props, and costumes. I would especially like to thank Susan McQuade who has taken on the majority of the work on the costumes.

In conclusion, I hope all the students are having a good time and enjoying the creation of Mark Twain's brilliant characters for the stage.

Alisher Saburov

CBT Associate Artistic Director

Mark Your Calendars for the Spring Swing Fling

Bring your dancing shoes and get ready to have an evening of fun. Classical Ballet Theatre will host a Spring Swing Fling fundraiser Saturday evening, May 16, at its studio space from 7pm to midnight.

A lesson in the basics of Swing Dance (Jitter Bug & Lindy Hop) will be given at the start of the evening. A live band will provide music for the rest of the evening. Refreshments will be provided to keep up your energy! A silent auction will help raise funds for CBT.

Ticket charges: \$50/person if purchased by May 15; \$65/person at the door. More information will be provided on our website, www.cbtnva.org, or by contacting Kathy Beyer at cbtexeccdir@gmail.com.

Don't miss this opportunity to have a swinging good time and support Classical Ballet Theatre while you dance the night away!

Help Wanted

Production Coordinator for 2009-2010

CBT needs a volunteer ASAP to shadow the 2008-2009 production coordinator for *Tom Sawyer* to find out how the job works!

Performance Photographer for 2009-2010

A volunteer is needed to shadow the current photographer during each performance of *Tom Sawyer*.

Anyone interested in either of these positions should email cbanva@cavtel.net.



"Raise the Barre" with Classical Ballet Theatre!

Tom Sawyer is well on its way to becoming a magical performance experience. Classical Ballet Theatre cannot produce such artistic treasures without your support. We are looking for funding to finish the 2008-2009 season in the black. Help us maintain our high quality productions and sustain our incomparable artistic staff. Make a gift today! And do not forget that many employers will match gifts to performing arts organizations.

Gifts made between February 1 and June 30, 2009 will be acknowledged with the following benefits:

Gifts of \$75-\$149 (fully tax-deductible)

Program acknowledgement

Gifts of \$150-\$299 (\$25 non-deductible)

Program acknowledgment

- 1 Coupon for Bake Sale purchases at performances*
- 1 Complimentary CBT T-shirt*

Gifts of \$300-\$499 (\$45 non-deductible)

Program acknowledgment

- 1 Coupon for Bake Sale purchases at performances*
- 2 Complimentary CBT T-shirts*

Gifts of \$500-\$749 (\$66 non-deductible)

Program acknowledgment

- Coupon for Bake Sale purchases at performances*
- 2 Complimentary CBT T-shirts*
- 1 NVCC parking garage voucher*
- 2 Discounted tickets to *Tom Sawyer**

Gifts of \$750-\$999 (\$95 non-deductible)

Program acknowledgment

- Coupon for Bake Sale purchases at performances*
- 2 Complimentary CBT T-shirts*
- 2 NVCC parking garage vouchers*
- 2 Complimentary tickets to *Tom Sawyer**

Gifts of \$1000-\$2499 (\$160 non-deductible)

Program acknowledgment

- Coupon for Bake Sale purchases at performances*
- 2 Complimentary CBT T-shirts*
- 2 NVCC parking garage vouchers*
- 2 Complimentary tickets to *Tom Sawyer**
- Complimentary private one-hour ballet lesson*

Gifts of \$2500+ (\$210 non-deductible)

Program acknowledgment

- Coupon for Bake Sale purchases at performances*
- 2 complimentary CBT T-shirts*
- 2 NVCC parking garage vouchers*
- 2 Complimentary tickets to *Tom Sawyer**
- Complimentary private one-hour ballet lesson*
- Dinner with Artistic Staff*

*This benefit affects tax-deductibility

All gifts to Classical Ballet Theatre, a 501(c)(3) organization, are deductible to the full extent of the law.

Gift checks can be made out to Classical Ballet Theatre and mailed to:

320 Victory Drive
Herndon, VA 20170

Gifts via credit cards (VISA & Master Card) are gratefully accepted. Please call 703-471-0750 to charge your donation.

Classical Ballet Theatre (CBT) serves Northern Virginia with its two-fold mission of performing arts enrichment and community outreach. CBT provides exceptional performance and training opportunities for young artists with world-renowned choreographers, teachers, and coaches while offering professional quality productions to the community at affordable ticket prices. CBT's extensive educational and community outreach includes a free performing arts enrichment program for local schools and underserved populations, and "tribute" performances that honor members of our community and raise public awareness for worthy causes.

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