



# *the Studio, School of Classical Ballet*



## Parent Observation Week November 7-12

Parents and friends are invited to observe classes. Please arrive on time and plan on staying through the entire lesson so as not to disrupt the concentration in the classroom. You will be amazed at the hard work going on in the studio.

### We hope you can make it!

Please do not bring small children into the studio. Recording devices are not permitted in the studios. Thank you for your cooperation. Please note: Linda Lock will be teaching for Diane Cypher on Friday, November 11.



Young students in class, above, and sharing a relaxed moment together, below. Photos by Jim Schwartz.



Hannah Beddow practices an adagio in technique class, left; photo by fellow student Molly Hanson.



# The Nutcracker Rehearsals are in Full Swing

Party children, Dewdrop Fairies and Soldiers are busy at work preparing for this year's production of *The Nutcracker*. Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre dancers, students and local children are all learning their choreography, practicing on weekends and honing their skills.

One of our Senior Company dancers, Molly Hanson, demonstrates an additional talent she has: photography! The freshman at York School and Level VI student has been taking photos during rehearsals with her peers. Here is some of her work — and theirs.



Courtney Jesberg, left, and Gabbi Kamalani, below, rehearse their new role in this year's production, the Dewdrop Fairy in the Waltz of the Flowers.



Choreographed by Lew Christensen, the Waltz of the Flowers is one bit of choreography not by our own Robert Kelley. This choreography was featured in early productions presented by San Francisco Ballet. Rights to the choreography were given by Lew to Barbara Crockett, and from there bequeathed to Diane Cypher. It is the same version Diane danced as a student.

## CALENDAR

Studio CLOSED for Halloween  
Monday, October 31

Parent Observation Week  
November 7-12

Studio open for Veterans Day  
Friday, November 11

Studio CLOSED for  
Thanksgiving  
Thursday, November 24  
Friday, November 25  
Saturday, November 26

*Nutcracker* Rehearsals for all  
roles  
Sunday, November 27

Last day of class before holiday  
break  
Saturday, December 10

*The Nutcracker* performances  
presented by Santa Cruz Ballet  
Theatre at the Civic Auditorium  
Friday, December 16  
Saturday, December 17  
Sunday, December 18

Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre  
Senior Company rehearsals  
December 27-31

Studio OPENS for 2012  
Monday, January 2

Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre Petite  
Company Audition for 2012  
season  
Saturday, January 7

Studio CLOSED for MLK Day  
Monday, January 16

Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre  
RDA/P Adjudication -  
Senior Company dancers only  
Friday, January 20

## More Class and Rehearsal Photos by Molly Hanson:



Clockwise from top left:  
Emerson Moose and Jazmine Hurley work on a petite allegro combination.  
Maile Crowder gets her shoes ready for rehearsal.  
Maile in grand jeté a'la seconde.  
Emerson executes a pirouette to a'la seconde.  
Maja Thomas, Johanna Butterworth and Natalie Wyman rev up for Marzipan rehearsal.

## Sandy Nelson to the Rescue!

The Studio Registrar is an important position. The Registrar tracks payments, answers questions, keeps important records, and, above all, handles any emergency that may come to pass with our students. The position requires good organizational, computer and communication skills, all supremely evident in our new Registrar, Sandy Nelson.

We have secretly been pining away for Sandy to join us since we heard she may be leaving Good Shepherd School over a year ago. We knew her as Bonnie Costa's grandmother, and as a staunch supporter of the arts in Santa Cruz and of the community. Sandy served as the President of the Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre Board of Directors a few years ago, remaining on the board and supervising ad sales for

*The Nutcracker* program for the last few years.

Sandy had a previous job as customer service manager with a circuit board company, followed by a similar job working from home. Most of her work was achieved over the telephone and she missed having actual contact with people. Right about the same time, her grandson was entering the first grade at Good Shepherd and she heard about the School Secretary job opening up. She applied and began work that fall. Sandy worked at Good Shepherd for fourteen years, serving as secretary and office manager. She has brought this wealth of experience with her to The Studio. She not only sells fruit snacks and Gatorade to our dancers, but keeps our office running smoothly. Welcome, Sandy — we are indeed lucky to have you with us!



*Photo of Sandy Nelson  
by Molly Hanson.*

*Alumna Lauryn Winterhalder, dancer with Sacramento Ballet, below. Interestingly, Lauryn's mother Karen Ow convinced Bonnie Costa's mother Kristine Ronzano to bring her to The Studio for her training. The Ronzanos and Nelsons travel to Sacramento to see Lauryn dance whenever they can, as well as to Utah to see Bonnie dance with Utah Regional Ballet.*

### TUITION PAYMENT DATES

QUARTERLY Payment Due November 1

SEMESTER Payment Due February 1, 2012

MONTHLY Payments Due on the first day of each month.

Payments not received by the 7th of the month will incur a \$15 late fee

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 2-5:00 pm

Also open the first and third Saturday of each month 10:30 am - 1:30 pm



THE STUDIO 2012 STUDENT DEMONSTRATION  
HAS BEEN CHANGED TO  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

STILL AT CABRILLO CROCKER THEATER.

CLASSES WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 9.

STUDENTS RECEIVE 2 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO THE DEMONSTRATION.

Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre Junior Company dancers, right:  
Hannah Wilson-James, Amelia Busenhardt, Olivia Beers,  
Phoebe Hess, Cailley Gerald-Yamasaki; Emma Williams,  
Clarissa Fredericks-Wright.

Senior Company dancers, below: Johanna Butterworth,  
Emerson Moose, Georgina Wilson, Emily Lim, Maile Crowder;  
Natalie Wyman, Leah Kaplan, Courtney Jesberg; Maja Thomas,  
Jazmine Hurley, Gabrielle Kamalani, Molly Hanson.

Photos by Jim Schwartz.



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# Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre presents *The Nutcracker* at the Civic Auditorium



8:00 pm Friday, December 16  
1:00 and 4:30 pm Saturday, December 17  
1:00 and 4:30 pm Sunday, December 18

Tickets go on sale November 8

Civic Box Office 831.420.5260 or  
[www.santacruztickets.com](http://www.santacruztickets.com)

Professional Orchestra conducted by  
John Larry Granger ~ *The Nutcracker* is a  
joyous holiday tradition!

Sweet Treats backstage event  
before the 1:00 performances ~  
Get your photo taken with your  
favorite characters and meet  
guest artists Melody Mennite  
and Lucien Postlewaite



Top: Melody Mennite takes in the applause.  
Above: Miranda Gilmore  
displays poise as a pink Flower.  
Right: Alumni Bonnie Costa and  
Gabe Williams in the Arabian finale.  
Photos by Steve DiBartolomeo.