



ALEXANDRA BALLET

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*Educating, Elevating, and Enriching
 Through the Magic of Dance!*

2007 - 2008 Season

Alexandra Ballet is a non-profit organization committed to educating, elevating, and enriching St. Louis through the art of dance. Under the artistic direction of St. Louis legend Alexandra Zaharias, the company repertoire ranges from beautiful full-length ballets, powerful contemporary ballets and modern dance, showcasing original works as well as the classics. Alumni from the Company have gone on to perform with major dance companies all over the world. Alexandra Ballet is pleased to provide the community with performances, throughout the season, bringing the magic of dance to area audiences.

FALL CLASSES BEGIN

Tuesday, September 4th

TUITION VARIES

Get the training you or your child deserves at Alexandra School of Ballet, official school of Alexandra Ballet. Classes are available for all levels, from Creative Dance to Advanced. We offer classes in pre-ballet, ballet, pointe, variations, character, modern dance, all male classes, body conditioning, and adult classes. Stop by the school for a brochure, or call 314.469.6222 for more information. The school is located at 68E Four Seasons Center (Olive & Hwy.141) in Chesterfield. **REGISTER NOW!**

CLASSIC 99's Rhapsody in Bloom

Saturday, September 29th, 11:00am and 1:00pm

FREE

Two free performances are offered to the public at the Missouri Botanical Garden in conjunction with KFYO Classic99's Rhapsody in Bloom. Enjoy the splendor of the surroundings in the historic gardens of Henry Shaw, which serve as a perfect backdrop for the beautiful dancers of Alexandra Ballet, performing *Le Corsaire* variations, "Mazurka" from *Coppélia*, *Pollacca Guerriera* and *Tarantella*. Check our website for specifics about this special event, and a link to Classic99 for more information about Rhapsody in Bloom.

GRAND OPENING: DANCING IN THE STREET – Presented by the Grand Center, Inc.

Saturday, September 29th

FREE

Alexandra Ballet will be part of this festival celebrating dance in the Grand Center Arts and Entertainment District. At 4:30pm, AB will perform *de l'innocense*, a contemporary ballet choreographed by Alan Hineline, in front of the FOX Theater.

POLONAISE BALL - Polish American Cultural Society

Saturday, October 13th

BY INVITATION

Alexandra Ballet will perform pieces from their extensive repertoire at this annual gala ball, held at Sunset Country Club. Proceeds from this event benefit the Polish American Cultural Society's Arts and Education foundation and the Stan Musial Scholarship Fund. Call 314.869.2399 for ticket information.

SUGAR PLUM PARTIES – Co-presented with Saint Louis Galleria

Fri., Nov. 23rd, 9:15am, 10:45am and 12:15pm

FREE

Start the holiday season by joining Alexandra Ballet for this wonderful tradition at Saint Louis Galleria. Performances are offered at 9:15 am, 10:45 am, and 12:15 pm at no charge to the public. The event begins with "sugar plum" treats for children, along with holiday activities. Then the company dancers present this entertaining version of *The Nutcracker*, narrated by St. Louis storyteller Karen Young. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce your child to the magical world of ballet! **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BEFORE EACH PERFORMANCE.**

NUTCRACKER AT THE FOX – Presented by Dance St. Louis

December 5th – 9th

\$20 - \$75

It's the spectacular return of *The Nutcracker* at the Fabulous Fox, this time with the world-acclaimed Joffrey Ballet. Local dancers representing numerous area ballet schools will participate in this production, and have been rehearsed by the talented artistic staff of Alexandra Ballet. They join the esteemed Joffrey Ballet Company in this splendid holiday tradition. Alexandra Ballet is pleased to assist Dance St. Louis by preparing our St. Louis area dancers for this incredible production!

THE NUTCRACKER – Co-presented with Chesterfield Arts

Saturday, December 15th, 2pm and 7pm

\$6 - \$15

Alexandra Ballet is proud to present this newly expanded, delightful production of *The Nutcracker* in collaboration with Chesterfield Arts. Perfect for children of all ages, this one hour ballet, narrated by Ann Marie Ruhlin, performed at the Marquette High School Theater was created especially for families with young children. Make this exciting new production the beginning of a great holiday tradition! You can purchase tickets by calling 636-207-2541, or online at www.rockwoodcommunityed.com.

WINTER REPERTORY PROGRAM

Sunday, January 27th, 2pm

\$10 - \$20

The entire company participates in this annual program of stirring classical and contemporary performances at the new Purser Center at Logan College. This beautiful theater is located on Schoettler Road in Chesterfield. This performance benefits the Dace Dindonis Scholarship Fund, named in honor of gifted choreographer, teacher and AB's friend. Scholarships from this fund are awarded to qualified students in need of financial assistance in order to continue their training with AB.

COPPELIA:

Young People's Performance

Friday, March 7th, 9:30am and 12:45pm

FREE

2008 MainStage Production

Saturday, March 8th, 7:30pm and Sunday, March 9th, 2:00pm

\$20 - \$40

The talented dancers of Alexandra Ballet will present Coppélia at the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center. Coppélia is a ballet in three acts, set to the melodious score by Léo Delibes. The ballet follows the lighthearted romance between Swanilda and Franz and their relationship with the eccentric toymaker, Dr. Coppélius and his unusually lifelike doll. Coppélia has something for everyone: a love story, comedy and magic! Call the Touhill box office at 314.516.4949, after January 15th, to purchase your tickets.