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End of Year Events:

Graduation

This year 60 students will participate in graduation ceremonies at Ballet Tech. Ceremonies will be held on June 24th at 9:30 am. Graduating seniors are James Cheng and Grantley Naughton. The ceremony will also honor students moving up to the middle and high schools. Congratulations to all of our students!

After-School Program's End of the Year Celebration!

The staff and students of the After-School program (operated by Oasis Children's Services) will be hosting their annual end of the year celebration on June 17th at 4:30pm. The celebration will include a buffet dinner and refreshments, and will allow guests to enjoy dance performances, poetry readings, and a drama skit presented by the fourth and fifth grade students. A special thank you to the funders of this year's after school program: Assurant Foundation, New York Mercantile Exchange Charitable Foundation, and the William T. Grant Foundation.

Ballet Tech's Spring Open House

Friends of Ballet Tech were invited to observe the ballet classes of students in grades 4-12 at our Spring Open House. In addition to classes, visitors enjoyed a special student performance of *A Stair Dance*, featuring choreography by Eliot Feld, and music by Steve Reich. *A Stair Dance* premiered during Ballet Tech's Fall 2004 season, MANDANCE PROJECT. Everyone was very impressed with the students' hard work and talent.

Student Artwork Selected for Exhibition

Three eighth grade students from Ballet Tech were chosen to display their artwork in the Region 9 Art Exhibition, which took place on May 19th at the High School of Art and Design. All three students also received certificates for excellence in the arts. Congratulations to Courtney Byron, Emily Bockmeyer, and Lucy Postell!

In addition to this honor, Courtney Byron (8th grade) was accepted into the Guggenheim's High School Program for 3-d Design. Courtney has participated in the program throughout the spring, and will present his final project on June 8th at the Guggenheim Auditorium.

Evening of the Arts

Students in grades 4-8 presented another aspect of their artistic talent at the annual Ballet Tech Art Show. On May 12th, parents were invited to view artwork that the students created in their Visual Arts Course, which is funded, in part, by the New York State Council on the Arts. In addition to displaying their artwork, the 4th and 5th graders shared their musical talent during a group recorder performance. Parents were also treated to a student performance of *A Stair Dance*.



Projects from the Student Art Show.



Fourth Grade Students present their artwork.

Summer Program

Ballet Tech will offer a 4-week tuition-free summer ballet program to all students enrolled at Ballet Tech. In addition to ballet, students will be able to explore other dance forms during character and theatre dance classes. Ballet Tech faculty member Roni Mahler will instruct students in character dance, and in theatre dance, Jessica Hartman will teach students sections of choreography from shows such as the *Lion King*, *Boy from Oz*, and *Sweet Charity*. The summer program will be in session from July 5th through 29th.

Feld's Pacific Dances Performed in San Francisco

This spring, the Smuin Ballet of San Francisco performed the West Coast Premier of Eliot Feld's *Pacific Dances* (2001). According to Michael Simpson of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "*Pacific Dances...is a delight, a refreshingly playful ballet with a movement and style that looks totally unlike Smuin's. This sexy dance for nine women in tank unitards is a fusion of music-video posing, hula on toe shoes, Busby Berkeley musicals and vaudevillian modern dance.*"

Upcoming Events:

Open Audition:

Ballet Tech School Open Auditions:

The last open audition date for this school year will be **June 18th, 2005.**

Dates for the 2005-2006 school year will be:

**October 15th, November 19th, February 4th, March 4th, May 6th,
and June 3rd.**

Registration takes place at 12 noon, and all applicants should pre-register by calling Madelyn at (212) 777-7710 x 300.

For more information on open auditions please visit

<http://www.ballettech.org/auditiondates.html> or call (212) 777-7710.

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