



# Professional Ballet School Newsletter

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## January 2001

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### Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that we are preparing for PBS June Performance 2001. With preliminary preparations underway toward the performance, we remind you that the Annual Meeting to discuss the performance will be held Saturday, January 20 at 1:15 in the small studio.

Every detail of the performance will be discussed and any questions you may have will be answered. This performance involves everyone in the children and teen divisions of both ballet and jazz.

*This is a mandatory meeting for all parents with students new to the school.* Parents of returning students should make the utmost effort to attend as well. We also request that former volunteers or committee heads attend to share past experiences with new members.

### Information Packets

Expect to receive performance information packets within the next few weeks. After reading thoroughly, return signed paperwork by February 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Costume Measurements

It takes five months to receive any new costumes ordered for the performance. Therefore, all students participating need to have their measurements taken at the front desk. Measure generously, especially for girth and around the tummies, for younger, quickly growing dancers.

*Measurements are due  
January 31st*



### “Nutcracker”

Congratulations to all PBS students and teachers that performed in Peninsula Ballet Theatre’s “Nutcracker”.



### Parent Advisory Board Meeting

The first Parent Advisory Board Meeting of 2001 is scheduled Saturday, January 13 at 1:15 in the small studio.

### Best Wishes for a Very Happy 2001,

The Staff of Professional Ballet School

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## Training

In choosing PBS, you have chosen a serious ballet school known for its high quality of training and professional standards. Years 8 to 17 are the years when the ballet student develops the most. That development intensifies with each passing year in ballet--if a student takes the weekly number of classes required to increase and sustain advancing technique. To get the most from their training, students should take class daily. For career-oriented students, multiple daily classes are a necessity--there is no more satisfying or glorious profession! If dancing simply for pleasure, this intense work in the early years will give one the ability to perform more challenging and satisfying roles onstage. Moreover, the long-term benefits of daily classes include:

Good physical health, reflexes and alertness, discipline, confidence, a strong work ethic, responsibility, an appreciation of beauty, music and the arts throughout one's lifetime.

## Misc. Announcements

### Basic Adult Class:

Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:30 PM  
Don't be shy. Enroll today!

### Students Arriving Late:

Dancers arriving late to class will no longer be allowed to take classes--this for dancers safety and benefit. They may be allowed to observe class. For habitually late dancers, this is a no tolerance policy.

### Dress Code:

Stained and sloppy dancewear is not appropriate for class. Ballet and jazz shoes must be worn to the respective classes. Socks and bare feet are not allowed.

### The Lobby Is A Quiet Zone:

Younger siblings of dancers are welcome to wait with you while your student is taking class, but making too much noise and grinding food into the carpet is not appropriate behavior. Please be courteous to the dancers and staff.

### YABT Board:

Welcome to new board member and grant writer, **Jeff Franklin**.

## PBS ADVISORY BOARD

### President

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### Members

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# Important Events and Reminders

**January 13**  
*Parent Advisory Board Meeting 1:15 PM*  
*Open invitation for new members!*

**January 20**  
*Annual Performance Meeting 1:15 PM*

**January 31**  
*Costume Measurements Due*

**February 4**  
*Return signed performance forms*

**June 1 and 2**  
*PBS Performance San Mateo Performing Arts Center*