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Mark your calendars to join us for these exciting performances and events:

The Nutcracker 2011

- December 2 @ 8 PM*
Champagne Reception @ 10 PM
- December 3 @ 2:30 PM*
Sugar Plum Party @ 4:30 PM
- December 3 @ 8 PM*
December 4 @ 2:30 PM
Sugar Plum Party @ 4:30 PM
- December 6 @ 7 PM
- December 9 @ 8 PM
- December 10 @ 2:30 PM
Sugar Plum Party @ 4:30 PM
- December 10 @ 8 PM
- December 11 @ 2:30 PM
Sugar Plum Party @ 4:30 PM

Fables, Folk & Fairytales

Peter Pan

February 18, 2012 @ 10 AM & 11:30 AM

The Sleeping Beauty

- March 23, 2012 @ 8 PM*
- March 24, 2012 @ 2:30 PM*
Fairytale Party @ 4:30 PM
- March 24, 2012 @ 8 PM*
- March 25, 2012 @ 2:30 PM*
Fairytale Party @ 4:30 PM

Fables, Folk & Fairytales

Beatrix Potter

May 12, 2012 @ 10 AM & 11:30 AM

Academy Showcase

May 24, 2012 @ 6 PM & 8 PM

Fort Wayne Ballet, Too

June 2012

In-Theatre Outreach in Education

- December 6, 2011 @ 10 AM
- December 8, 2011 @ 10 AM & 12:30 PM

* Performances with Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

NOTE: All Fables, Folk & Fairytales performances held at Fort Wayne Ballet studios, 300 E. Main Street.

Princess Tea

November 6, 2011
2 to 4 PM
Fort Wayne Country Club



An enchanting afternoon for children & adults ...

As fall brings its usual chill, it's nice to find ways to spend time together indoors – and if a spot of tea is involved, so much the better. On November 6, Fort Wayne Ballet hosts the fifth annual Princess Tea, a chance to enjoy light refreshments and assorted delicacies while providing the family an afternoon of delight at the Fort Wayne Country Club. For two hours, from 2 to 4 o'clock, you and your loved ones can enjoy treats, activities and the artistry of the Ballet.

While there will be tiaras and a chance to dance for children of all ages, adults will also be able to enjoy a sip of champagne while shopping at the silent auction, which will once again feature the hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind Ballerina Bears, gifts which have proven very popular at previous Princess Tea events (and perfect for the early holiday shoppers!) Among other items available for bidding will be a chance to present

flowers to the Sugar Plum Fairy at *The Nutcracker*, an opportunity to be the Princess Tea Cover Girl in 2012, and specialty jewelry from local artisans. Many more enticing items will be on hand so come prepared to shop!

A day with Fort Wayne Ballet would not be complete without performances from its young performers. The afternoon will conclude with vignettes featuring our talented dancers, always a highlight of the day. Young and old alike will always remember this special day, and a photographer will be on hand to capture the fun in photos of the children with their favorite princess ballerinas.

Tickets for the Princess Tea are \$35 per person, with proceeds benefiting arts education through Academy of Fort Wayne Ballet, which continues to provide unparalleled experiences in the art of dance for students of all ages and to diverse audiences throughout the community.



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**Please Join Fort Wayne Ballet for Tea • Sunday, November 6 • 2'til 4 o'clock
Fort Wayne Country Club • We look forward to seeing you there!**

Help Fort Wayne Ballet with your holiday shopping!

Next time you're online, **use goodsearch.com as your search engine. GoodSearch and GoodShop, both powered by Yahoo, provide speedy search results AND make a donation to Fort Wayne Ballet.** When you go to GoodSearch, select Fort Wayne Ballet as your designated non-profit. After you choose Fort Wayne Ballet, you are free to search! And as you tackle those holiday wish lists, GoodShop provides access to hundreds of popular merchants, and the experience of shopping through GoodShop is exactly the same as going to the retailer's website. The joy of the holidays and helping Fort Wayne Ballet... what could be better?

Our Wish List:

Like most nonprofit organizations, we have a list of "heart's desires" that would help us fulfill our mission. If you can help, please call us!

- Dance books/films for library (find our Wish List on Amazon!)
- Folding chairs
- Card tables
- Industrial paper shredder
- Postage stamps
- See-through plastic tubs with lids for costume and storage supply
- Recordable CDs/DVDs
- CD/DVD plastic cases
- Gift certificates for: United Art Supply, Hobby Lobby, Office Depot, JoAnn Fabric, Target

Our Mission:

Fort Wayne Ballet, Inc. enriches our region by inspiring and nurturing an appreciation for the art of dance through educational excellence, artistic achievement, performance experiences and community engagement activities.

Our Vision:

Through the integrity of the art of dance, we build appreciation, enrich and broaden the aspirations of our community, especially downtown, as well as throughout the region, stimulating economic and aesthetic growth.

Please join us at our

NEW STUDIOS!

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A new Time & Space for Fort Wayne Ballet

Like any move, Fort Wayne Ballet's change of address was fraught with emotion and anticipation. Packing up almost 50 years of memories can be traumatic while sorting through decades worth of history, files, sets and the occasional surprises lurking beneath the surfaces brings its own challenges. But upon our arrival at the **Auer Center for Arts & Culture at 300 East Main Street** in early August, the beauty of the new studios and offices held a promise of a new and exciting era for Fort Wayne Ballet. Windows were the immediate hit, and the natural light which now streams through the building has added new life to our surroundings.

As our company dancers returned on August 22 and Academy students began classes on August 29, the buzz only grew and the excitement felt throughout the studios was palpable. The change in address has proven more than cosmetic, and Studio A — the largest studio which holds company classes and most rehearsals — is now also a performance site with this year's three (yes, three!) Family Series performances taking place within our own walls for the first time.

October's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* was a huge success with two sold-out audiences streaming into the Auer Center to see the Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company perform Eric Carle's classic

children's book. For those who may have missed that opportunity, plan ahead for this season's other two Family Series productions, mark your calendars for *Peter Pan* on February 18 and *The Tales of Beatrix Potter* on May 12. The studio also hosted a September 23 visit from *Cirque du Soleil* Artistic Director Fabrice Lemire, who held a master class with our advanced and company dancers. (Our own Tracy Tritz-Hartman provided a contemporary master class for the *Cirque du Soleil* performers just the day before!)

Having stood alone in our previous building, far from the excitement of the growing downtown arts community, Fort Wayne Ballet is thrilled to share the Auer Center with **Arts United** and **Fort Wayne Trails**, both of which preceded the Ballet's arrival in August. With October came the arrival of two new building residents: **Artlink** held its Grand Opening on October 21 with a reception to herald its new exhibit entitled "100 Years of Connectivity: George Kessler Park and Boulevard System," while **Pembroke Bakery & Cafe** filled the building with the aromas of healthy soups and gluten-free baked treats.

For those who have yet to visit the newly dedicated Auer Center for Arts & Culture, stop by soon — we'd love to give you a tour!



^^ Fort Wayne Ballet dancers in Studio A, part of the new dance and performance studios, located within the Auer Center for Arts & Culture in downtown Fort Wayne. PHOTO by ROB BOREL

Fort Wayne Ballet Coat & Mitten Drive

While teaching young people dance is important, Fort Wayne Ballet also believes in developing students into responsible members of the community. Our annual drive to collect gently used coats, mittens and stuffed animals to share in the community has begun. The coats and mittens are taken to Title I schools in Fort Wayne, providing much needed warmth during our Indiana winters. The stuffed animals are used by police officers to help comfort children during trying times. **If you and your family wish to donate items this season, please bring them to Fort Wayne Ballet studios by December 10.** The bins will be located next to the Fort Wayne Ballet administrative offices.

Academy Fund: raising the barre to enrich our community

From the early stages of creative movement to when a young body is ready for different challenges, Academy of Fort Wayne Ballet provides a unique set of disciplines and outcomes. Strength, agility, grace, and self-esteem are just some of the benefits that come from curricular ballet. As a creative outlet or preparation for a career in dance, our safe but aggressive syllabus provides a solid foundation.

Here is what you should know:

- Your contribution to the Fort Wayne Ballet Academy Fund will allow Fort Wayne Ballet to provide increased accessibility of comprehensive dance education and experience.
- Your contribution to the Fort Wayne Ballet Academy Fund will allow Fort Wayne Ballet to welcome guest teachers and choreographers from nationally recognized professional dance companies, including Joffrey Ballet, North Carolina Dance Theatre, Louisville Ballet, and Ballet Arizona.
- Your contribution to the Fort Wayne Ballet Academy Fund will allow Fort Wayne Ballet to enrich our community through its performance schedule, both by enhancing the educational experience available for the students and by providing more opportunities for the general public to enjoy the art of dance.

With your help, we will enable more students to learn and experience the positive impact of dance training at Academy of Fort Wayne Ballet. Contact Genevieve Rodgers for more information: 484.9646



Tchaikovsky's **THE NUTCRACKER**

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Director's Notes

Let's talk about emeralds, shall we? (please pardon me, but what woman doesn't enjoy talking about gemstones from time to time?) **This season marks the 55th year for Fort Wayne Ballet** —

our "Emerald Year" by those who traditionally tally such milestones with notable gems. Emeralds have a long and revered history of holding magical powers, if not just for their enchanting, mystical green color. Folklore suggests that these stones can improve memory, intelligence, and even help to predict the future. They have also been worn to enhance love and contentment. In fact, Cleopatra prized emeralds above all other gems. Believe what you will about emeralds, but we cannot help being enamored with a gem whose history could be the storyline for a ballet.

Our own history boasts a magical, sometimes curious past; but as we embrace our future and the talents of our dancers, I am reminded of the words of Robert Ludlum: *"The most precious jewels are not made of stone, but of flesh."*

We are grateful for the true "gems" among us — the students, parents, volunteers, faculty and staff — whose combined talents continue to make Fort Wayne Ballet one of the crowning jewels of the arts in this community. Thank you for helping us shine!

Many delightful things await for you and for us in this milestone season. We hope you plan to join us and share in the "emerald brilliance" of dance at Fort Wayne Ballet.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Karen Gibbons-Brown

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Sunday, April 15, 2012 at Club Soda



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if you can't wait to reserve your space: 484.9646

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