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Ballet School News – Summer 2008

There is still time to enroll for Fall Classes!

If you missed Enrollment on August 1,
call 364-1818 for information!

The next Enrollment Day is Saturday August 9, 12:00-4:00.

Fall Classes begin Monday August 11!

Check our web site, www.mkovichballet.com for the new Fall Schedule!

Our Ballet School had an exciting and busy summer! A record number of summer students participated in our Summer Ballet Workshops and the Ballet Princess Workshops! Students attended Quartz Mountain – read all about it !

Several ballet students from Ballet III went up “en pointe” for the first time this summer! In June, Miss Marjorie met the following students at Dance Sport to fit their first pair of pointe shoes: Olivia Branscum, Greta Fiedler,



Jerika

Herbert,

Nayoung Kwak, and Kendall McDaniel. Smiles of excitement were on faces of parents, students, teacher and sales staff for this very important event! The girls took their very first pointe class during the Summer Ballet Intensive in July.



Two of our school’s students, Mindy Crow and Michelle Yu attended the 2008 Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain in June! Only 20 ballet students were selected statewide for the intensive ballet program! This was Mindy’s second summer to attend!

In Mindy’s words: “I truly love it (Quartz Mt.) because it isn’t only ballerinas, although the ballet

1. First pair of pointe shoes! (from L): Nayoung Kwak, Greta Fiedler, Kendall McDaniel, Jerkika Herbert, & Olivia Branscum!
2. Mindy Crow and Michelle Yu at the 2008 Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain.

program is amazing. Mr. Salazar worked us hard. He danced with ABT until a year and a half ago when he retired as a senior corps member. He had very high expectations and made sure we did not fall short of them. We performed Act 1 of Giselle at the end of two weeks. Somehow we learned the 20 minutes worth of dancing in the first week and had plenty of time to clean it up in the second. I think it is safe to say Michelle and I both had a great time!”



The 2008 Summer Ballet Workshops were a lot of fun this year (as always). The Ballet Princess Workshops were full of happy little girls dancing scenes from Nutcracker and Cinderella, creating beautiful headpieces and props, and making new friends. There are lots of photos on the bulletin board at the school – so don’t forget to have a look next time you are at the school!

Summer Ballet Intensive Workshops were for the more advanced students – in addition to taking ballet class, they learned about ballet’s origins and early ballerinas, studied the ballets – “La Sylphide” & “La Fille Mal Gardee” – learned about nutrition, anatomy, composers and choreographers, etc. The last day of class, their knowledge of what they learned was put to the test with a rousing game of “Ballet Jeopardy”!



Dancers also learned variations from “Swan Lake” (Dance of the Little Swans), “Nutcracker” (Sugar Plum Fairy) & “La Fille Mal Gardee” (Lise’s Ribbon Dance).

The final highlight of the Summer Ballet Intensive Workshop was a field trip to the OKC Museum of Art to see the museum’s exhibit of Roman Art from the Louvre – we had a great tour guide, Anne Michaelson, and of course lunch at the Museum Café! Many thanks to moms Tanya Branscum, Jimmie McDaniel & April Herbert for helping drive & “chaperone” the girls!

Final day of the Summer Ballet Intensive was a Student Showcase Performance of ballet class, pointe work, and performances of the classical variations mentioned above. Everyone did a great job!

I hope all of you are staying cool in this terrible heat wave we are having! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

See you soon!

Miss Marjorie

3. "Spanish Princess's" (from L) Susan Taylor, Carmela Holt, Maggie Rich, Katherine Cadzow and Willow Arana made their own mantillas & fans to perform the Spanish dance from the Nutcracker ballet!
4. Summer students (from L): Paige Williams, Lisa Fiedler, Emily Soreghan, and Shelby Blackwood perform "Dance of the Little Swans" from Swan Lake for the Summer Student Showcase Performance.