

Cuppett Performing Arts Center

Late Fall 2016 Newsletter

HOT OFF THE PRESS ...

- **A HUGE BRAVO** to our Gold, Purple and Amethyst Company dancers who performed on **GREAT DAY WASHINGTON (WUSA9)**, Wednesday October 26th in the 9:00 a.m. hour! Click on **this link** to see their performance and Ms. Amy's interview! <http://www.wusa9.com/mb/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-washington/local-dancers-honor-the-rockettes-in-halloween-parade/342242518>. The girls were also part of the "preview" section of the show, so they had the opportunity to perform twice for the camera! Many thanks to our dancers and parents, and to Ms. Andrea Jiles for the quick choreography – they learned and rehearsed the dance in less than 2 hours! Also many thanks to Ms. Katie and Ms. Nicole for helping coordinate it all!
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to the **Junior, Gold, Purple & Amethyst Cuppett Dance Company** dancers for their outstanding performance in **Vienna's Halloween Parade!** Many thanks to Ms. Tyree Rivera for her choreography and concept, Mr. David for building the float, Ms. Nicole and all of our staff and parent volunteers, and to Ms. Andrea and Ms. Carly for their amazing support! Thanks to all who came out and cheered for us!
- **CUPPETT JACKETS** are now available to order and make great Holiday gifts! Both regular jackets and Company jackets are for sale, including pants if you desire the entire sweat suit for your dancer! The order form was sent via separate email to all families! See the office for details, sample jackets, and sizing charts.

* * * UPCOMING EVENTS * * *

The Cuppett Dance Company

will be heading to Tysons on **November 20th** to participate in the **WILD About Dance Workshop!**
We wish all our students who will be attending the best of luck!



**THANKSGIVING BREAK – CPAC WILL BE CLOSED:
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th**

PARENT OBSERVATION WEEK ~ DECEMBER 5th – 10th

Parents and friends are invited to quietly observe inside the dance studios during this week! Classes may end a few minutes early so that parents can ask questions. In order to give your child your full attention and to avoid class disruption, **please no cell phone usage, texting or gaming inside the classroom during observation time.** You may videotape!

NUTCRACKER CAMP ~ Parents Day Out! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th

Need an afternoon during the holiday season to shop, rest or just watch the football game? Our very popular Nutcracker Camp, hosted and taught by our amazing Toy Falcone, is loaded with fun for children ages 3-6! Campers will enjoy arts & crafts, a special reading of the Nutcracker story, a visit and performance by the Sugar Plum Fairy, learning a Celebration dance, and much more!

~ ~ ~ **Camp is limited to 15 and fills quickly!** ~ ~ ~

\$110 for current students, \$125 for non-students. **There is a \$15 discount if registered before Nov. 21st!** Register ONLINE at CuppettPAC.com, stop by the office, or call us at 703-938-9019!

* * * **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** * * *

COSTUME BILLS DUE:

Students are now being measured!

Please remind your dancer to wear a leotard or tight-fitting clothing to classes to ensure accurate measurements.

Costume charges will be reflected in your December statement, which will be emailed to you mid-November. Costume payments are due by December 1st. Please see below for confirmed dates of Spring Ballet and Recital.

Payment must be received before a costume is ordered for your student. Once costumes are ordered, there will be **NO refunds** should a student drop or decide not to perform. Please let the office know immediately if your student is not performing in any of his/her classes!

YOUR PAYMENT OF THE COSTUME FEE(S) INDICATES YOUR INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPRING BALLET AND/OR JUNE RECITAL(S), AND THUS YOUR AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THE ATTENDANCE POLICY AND ALL OTHER PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS!

SPRING MAY 6th BALLET DETAILS!

Preparations for our Spring Ballet, *“The Dancing Princesses”*, are underway!

SATURDAY, May 6th, 2017 at Kenmore Middle School in Arlington

Matinee 1:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m.

(All dancers perform in BOTH shows)

~ *Tickets will be available in April* ~

All Ballet III, PrePointe, Pointe A through Pointe C, Intensive Ballet “A” Saturday, and all Character classes perform in the Spring Ballet.

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL ~ FRIDAY, May 5th, 2017, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

The Spring Ballet ~ What's involved ...

1) Dancers must be able to attend all four (4) Saturday rehearsals which will be held

March 25th, April 1st, April 22nd, and April 29th.

These rehearsals are held **at CPAC** between 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Rehearsal schedule will be announced in January.

2) **Dancers must adhere to the PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE POLICY beginning JANUARY 1.** The attendance policy, as stated on the enrollment agreement, states that students participating in the performances **must not miss or be late to more than ONE CLASS per month after January 1.** NO ALLOWANCES WILL BE MADE for extra-curricular activities.

3) All families with students performing in the Spring Ballet will be charged a **performance fee** of \$69.00 (per family). In exchange, each family will receive six (6) tickets for the Spring Ballet. The performance fee will be added to your April statement. Tickets can be picked up in the office after payment has been made.

4) Dancers must attend the mandatory Dress Rehearsal Friday, May 5th, 2017 and perform in both shows on Saturday, May 6th, 2017.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR IMPORTANT JUNE RECITAL INFO!!

JUNE 23rd - 24th RECITAL DETAILS!

Confirmed Recital Dates

“Recital Title to be announced!” ~ Part I
FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Oakton High School

“Recital Title to be announced!” ~ Part II
SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, 2017, 10:00 a.m., Oakton High School

“Recital Title to be announced!” ~ Part III
SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, 2017, Noon, Oakton High School

“Recital Title to be announced!” ~ Part IV
SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, 2017, 3:00 p.m., Oakton High School

“Recital Title to be announced!” ~ Part V
SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Oakton High School

**Dress Rehearsal dates: Wednesday, June 21st, and Thursday, June 22nd.
Break out of which classes are in which show will be in the Early Winter Newsletter.**

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

The June Recitals ~ What's involved ...

- 1) **Dancers must adhere to the PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE POLICY beginning JANUARY 1.** The attendance policy, as stated on the enrollment agreement, states that students participating in the performances **must not miss or be late to or leave early from more than ONE CLASS per month after January 1.** NO ALLOWANCES WILL BE MADE for extra-curricular activities.
- 2) All families with students performing in the June Recitals will purchase tickets on their own. Tickets will be available in May. Tickets range in price from \$15 (children & seniors) to \$20 (at the door, last-minute purchase).
- 3) Dancers must attend their assigned Mandatory Dress Rehearsal(s) day (or days) which will be detailed in the Early Winter Newsletter.

~ SPECIAL OFFER FROM LEDO PIZZA! ~

As you may have noticed (and enjoyed!), Ledo Pizza Vienna is NOW OPEN right next to our Main Office. Owner Scot Welch has agreed to offer a special **10% discount** to our families, DINE IN or CARRYOUT. You MUST be a Current Cuppett Family and you must have a Ledo Membership Card (pick up at Ledo's on your first order), to receive this discount!

Ledo Pizza started in the Washington Suburbs in the 1950's and offers a freshly made Square Pizza with an abundance of toppings. Other offerings include Salads, Subs, Jumbo Wings, Calzone and tasty desserts. ***Ms. Amy can confirm that their food is absolutely delicious!***

Ledo Pizza is open on most nights until 10:00 p.m. 141 Park Street SE, Vienna~call ahead/pickup- 703-865-6220.

TEACHERS & ALUMNAE “In the Spotlight!”

Upcoming Performances:

Our Fabulous Tap Teacher & CDC Director, **Katie Padgett**, will be performing on **December 10th** at the **Annual Holiday SpectAPular** in Beltsville, MD!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1773907642827421/>

Tickets: <https://spectacular.yapsody.com/event/index/53995/a-holiday-spectacular-2016>

Recent Performances:

Congrats and Bravo to...

CPAC teacher **Kelsey Schaefer** who performed with **DC Casineros** at the Kennedy Center Millenium Stage on October 30, 2016!

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“**Transcendence**” presented by **Nomadic Artist** at the Jack Guidone Theater October 1, 2016 was choreographed and performed by current and former CPAC teachers – **CDC Director Tyree Rivera, Ashley Cuppett Richardson, Carly Miks and Shelley Siller.**

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“**Sundays-on-Tap**”, an adult tap performing group performed “**Happiness**,” choreographed by former CPAC teacher Heidi Stafford at **Taps Alive 2016** on October 1st in Frederick, Maryland - also performing were current CPAC teacher **Katie Padgett, and alumni Christina Grau and Cassidy Walsh!**

* * * REMINDERS * * *

STUDENTS MUST “COVER UP” WHEN OUTSIDE OUR DOORS!

Students and parents have often read and/or heard the teachers and staff reminding students to WEAR A COVER-UP when leaving the studio, when moving between classes, and especially when leaving the premises to walk to nearby businesses. A cover-up can be an extra-large t-shirt, a jacket, a sweater, any item of clothing that covers that top half of the body PLUS shorts (short shorts do not count) or a skirt or pants (sweats, jazz pants, jeans) AND shoes other than dance shoes. It is important to make sure your child understands the importance of covering up. Most young ladies are unaware of the attention they may draw when they are walking around in just a leotard and tights or with a leotard and short shorts. Please work with us in keeping our beautiful dancers safe! Thank you!

Sick Policy

Please use common sense when deciding whether to send your child to class if he/she has been (or is) sick. Please DO NOT send your child to class if he/she:

- 1) Has vomited in the past 24 hours
- 2) Has not fully recovered from a stomach or cold virus
- 3) Has had a fever in the past 24 hours
- 4) Has any communicable infection diagnosed by a doctor that is still contagious

If your child is too sick to come to class, please call the Center at 703-938-9019 or email (Cuppettpadance@gmail.com) so we can let the teacher know. We would much rather a sick child remain at home than to attend feeling miserable and possibly spreading the illness to other students and faculty. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Please, NO Cupcakes or Snacks For Classroom Celebrations

Due to life-threatening allergies, we ask that parents refrain from bringing cupcakes or any other edible treats to class for any type of celebrations. Thank you for your cooperation!


~ ~ FREE WIFI IN ALL STUDIO LOCATIONS! – ASK THE MAIN OFFICE FOR THE CODE! ~ ~

Our **new “PARENT PAGES”** on the website has copies of all newsletters, calendars, policies, and recital information (when available) and tips on makeup application, how to earn pointe shoes, etc.

Address for the new Parent Pages: <http://www.cuppettepac.com/parent-pages.html>
No more username and password!

Paper copies of all information are always available in the Main Office and the current monthly newsletter will be available in all Lobby Information Centers.

~ DATES TO REMEMBER ~

November 23rd – 27th 
CLOSED--Thanksgiving Holiday


December 5th – 10th
Parent Observation Week

December 11th
Nutcracker Camp/Parents Day Out – ages 3-6 – 1:00-5:00 p.m.

December 19th – January 2nd, 2017 
CLOSED--Winter Vacation

January 16th & February 20th
OPEN—CPAC is open ALL MONDAY HOLIDAYS, except Memorial Day.

March 18th – 19th
Spring Cecchetti Conference Weekend

April 10th – April 15th 
CLOSED--Spring Break

May 6th 
Spring Ballet Performance ~ “The Dancing Princesses”
Kenmore Middle School Theater (**Mandatory dress rehearsal May 5th**)

May 17th – 21st
Cecchetti Exams

June 23rd & 24th 
End-of-year Recitals (**Mandatory dress rehearsals June 21st and 22nd**)
Oakton High School Auditorium

*We are in the process of developing a SPRING 2017 SESSION!
Stay tuned!*