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## New look for the Academy Newsletter

After our computer problems, we have to go with a new version of our newsletter....not quite as fancy but hopefully will serve the purpose of keeping you informed about happenings at the Academy and Ballet Yuma. We welcome any suggestions in improving our communication with our Academy families and articles/information you would like to see in these newsletters.

Email suggestions/comments to: [academyyba@roadrunner.com](mailto:academyyba@roadrunner.com)



## November/December Calendar

### November 24-28

Thanksgiving – Academy closed

### November 27

Sugar Plum Tea Party

### December 10-12

Ballet Yuma Nutcracker performances

### December 20- January 2

Holiday Break – Academy closed

### January 3

Classes resume

### January 11

Last day of fall semester



## Tuition Payments

If you are on the tuition installment plan, payments are due the first of each month. The Academy does not charge late fees if payments are delinquent, so please reciprocate the courtesy by making your payments on time. The next monthly installment will be due on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Students on the semester plan: your spring semester fees are due on or before January 15, 2010. All students are automatically enrolled for spring semester classes; you do not have to do anything extra. Note: If you need to withdrawal your dancer from classes, you must submit a withdrawal form before the first of the month to be relieved of additional tuition payments. See Donna at the front desk for all questions concerning your tuition account.



## Sugar Plum Tea



Here's a fantastic way to inaugurate the holiday season: Ballet Yuma's annual Sugar Plum Tea. Also known as 'Miss Kathy's Tea Party', the festivities start at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 27, at Yuma Golf & Country Club.

A wonderful, fun event for all ages, the 'tea' includes lunch, prizes, and a performance of excerpts from *The Nutcracker* by Ballet Yuma Company dancers, narrated by Artistic Director Kathleen Sinclair.

**Contact Liz Taylor [liztaylor80@msn.com](mailto:liztaylor80@msn.com) to make reservations - seating is rather limited.**

## Q & A - What every parent should know...

### How can I keep my Ballet student interested in dance?

The art of dance (and especially ballet) is a multi-faceted discipline. It combines dance movement and music with an appreciation of painting, literature, history and sculpture. It requires concentration, organization, ability to overcome obstacles and a strong sense of self. As parents you could help your child learn as much as possible about this wonderful art form, by helping to keep their interest piqued through an exposure to classical music, books or videos of ballet stories such as *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty*, or *Cinderella*. In addition, always try and attend live dance performances as this is an essential part of dance training. Consider attending Ballet Yuma's holiday production of *The Nutcracker* next month. Not only will you expose your child to a live ballet performance you will also be supporting our dancers and artistic staff. See below for ticket information!!



## The Nutcracker



Snider Auditorium, 400 S. 6th Ave.  
December 10-12, 2010

Tickets available NOW at **Dillard's**  
Discount ticket prices for children

TRULY Yuma's "Traditional, Enchanting, Holiday Treasure". An indispensable part of Yuma's holiday season, the tradition is much more than kept alive - it is revitalized! Join us this year for the quality and enchantment you expect, and also to see what's new! There is no mistaking, though, the joy always present - and felt long after the final curtain.

### **\*\*Special Performance\*\***

Southwest Performing Arts Theatre  
2001 Ocotillo Drive, El Centro, CA  
December 4, 2010

Special, one night only performance in El Centro, featuring dancers from Dancin' Feet Studios in children's roles.

Tickets on sale at **Clark Baker Music**, 534 W Main St., El Centro

**Ballet Yuma Nutcracker performances are proudly sponsored by:**

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