

The Dancing Astorian

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ASB's 2011-2012 dance year is well underway now and the past two months have been terrific. Thank you parents for your commitment and dedication to making your child's dance experience rewarding. And thank you ASB dancers for your hard work and enthusiasm. It's been a pleasure thus far.

The newest addition to the ASB family is due early this November and Maggie's maternity leave is scheduled for November 8-27. Of course, the baby may have other plans. If or when the schedule changes, parents will be notified by email and phone. Thanks in advance for your understanding and for the support so many of you have offered. Nate and Maggie are so excited and are feeling very, very fortunate!

ASB Important Dates

Maggie's Maternity Leave-No Class

November 8-27

Classes Resume

November 28

Bench Days

December 19-22

Winter Break

December 23-January 1

Spring Semester Begins

January 2

Costume Payments Due

January 16

Annual Spring Performance

May 24 & 25

The Gift of Ballet

This holiday season, treat your young dancer to a professional ballet production in the big city. The gift of live ballet can be very inspiring and a cherished and memorable experience.

Pacific Northwest Ballet presents its *Love Stories* program Nov. 4-13 and its *Nutcracker* Nov. 25-Dec. 27 at Seattle's McCaw Hall. PNB's *Nutcracker* production is totally original and features set and costume designs by Maurice Sendak, the world-famous author and illustrator of *Where the Wild Things Are*. Go to www.pnb.org to order tickets and plan your trip.

Oregon Ballet Theatre presents George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker* Dec. 10-24 and its new seasonal tradition, *A Holiday Revue*, Dec. 10-22. Visit www.obt.org for tickets.

Reminder for ASB Dancers

Dancers are expected to arrive and depart from ASB with their dancewear properly covered. Please cover-up and maintain decorum in accordance with school policies!



Ballet on PBS

New York City Ballet in George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*.
Wednesday, December 14th

Great Performances presents
San Francisco Ballet in
The Little Mermaid.
Friday, December 16th

PETER & THE WOLF

It may seem hard to believe, but preparations are already underway for ASB's 2012 Annual Spring Performance at the Liberty Theater, May 24th and 25th. Again this year, ASB will perform as part of the theater's School Enrichment Series, providing our dancers with the opportunity to dance in front of over 2000 area school children! It is expected that all ASB students participate as performing is an essential part of a dancer's training and every effort is made to ensure that the experience is worthwhile and rewarding. This month, parents are asked to contact us if you **do not** plan to have your child perform. You'll receive an email with more information this first week in November, and costume requirements and casting will be announced before the new year!

