

Dear Emerald Ballet Academy Friends and Families,

Pencils and crayons and new shoes, Oh My! I can hardly believe it's "Back To School" time again and we're beginning our 4th season. I hope you've had a restful and joyful summer! We've had a busy summer and are pleased to announce that Emerald Ballet Academy (EBA) is now the official school of Emerald Ballet Theatre.

Since your child was enrolled last year at Emerald Ballet Theatre, or you expressed an interest in classes, we are delighted to send you an information packet. Included you'll find a registration form, registration and tuition policies, studio expectations, tuition chart, weekly schedule, biographies of EBA instructors, a 2010-11 calendar of events and more! Please take a careful look at each of these documents as you'll refer back to them throughout the school year.

To ensure your child's place in an EBA class and to avoid confusion on the first day of classes, please be sure to **register *before* classes begin**. You may stop into the studio beginning the week of August 23rd on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon-3:00pm to register. The studio will be closed September 4-6 in observance of Labor Day.

As usual, all EBA students will have two opportunities to take the stage with Emerald Ballet Theatre throughout the school year. The first performance of the season in true holiday tradition will be *The Nutcracker*. We will be returning to the Northshore Performing Arts Center for two weekends in December to celebrate the magic of the holidays! Performance dates are December 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th. You will be notified as soon as tickets become available. The second performance opportunity for our EBA students will be on May 28th, 2011, Memorial Day weekend. We will take to the stage in a whimsical all new production entitled "Seasons." Be sure to keep your eyes open for more information on this fun and exciting end-of-year production!

Fall classes begin Tuesday, September 7th and our Fall Open House will take place on Saturday September 11th. The open house is a wonderful time to come learn more about all EBA has to offer your child and meet the EBA instructors.

Speaking of instructors, we are proud to announce the addition of Ting Liu to our team here at EBA. Ting has danced in Emerald Ballet Theatre productions since the beginning and she is proving her skills as a wonderful teacher here at EBA. Ting will be teaching Pre-Ballet through Advanced level classes during the 2010-11 school year.

Additionally, you'll notice we have added Spring Break to our Calendar of Events. Spring Break will follow the Bellevue School District schedule and will take place April 4th-9th, 2011.

We will have an orientation meeting for parents of dancers Ballet IIA and up on Saturday, September 18th from 12:30-1:30 to discuss studio etiquette and expectations your attendance is recommended.

We are excited to get back to work here in the studio as we commence our fourth year. I hope you'll join us and take advantage of all the opportunities available to your dancer and I'll look forward to seeing each and every one of you in class!

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other is wings."

Come fly with us this year!

Viktoria Titova
Artistic Director

