



# Coast City Ballet ~ PACIFIC DANCE CENTER

## To the Pointe

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### Happy holidays everyone!

My name is Marie Francisco, and this is my first year with Coast City Ballet and its Board of Directors! I am a longtime friend of the Company's Director Clara D'Autilia. In fact, we were almost inseparable from the moment we met at our first ballet class together. Clara and I shared a love for classical ballet. Now stop momentarily, close your eyes, and see Miss Clara as a young dancer in her daily uniform: black leotard, tights, ballet shoes, and hair pulled tightly in a bun. You'll see a definite reflection of what a day in the life of a Coast City Ballet dancer or a Pacific Dance Center student is like. A dance student is prepared. A dance student is ready to learn something new every day. A dance student is disciplined. A dance student loves to dance! Miss Clara brings this same love of dance, the same undeniable discipline, and especially her absolute passion to this company. Part of what sustains her passion for the company is knowing that through Coast City Ballet, we can

all expose the community to the arts and provide them with the opportunity to participate in the art of dance.

As active participants in the community, it is Coast City Ballet's goal to foster excellence not only in the arts, but also in education. With this in mind, CCB's Board of Directors developed an effective program to invite local area schools to participate. This year the CCB offered a wonderful incentive for area students who have worked hard to display academic excellence called: *Coast City Ballet's "Excellence in Education!" Awards Program*. This program awards students who have displayed academic excellence and excellence as model citizens with tickets to see the magic of the "The Nutcracker." This awards program is not only a great incentive for students, but also an opportunity to expose them to the wonderful art of ballet. Coast City Ballet thanks this year's participating schools! Non-profit organizations such as our dance company are vital



to supporting children and young adults' growth, broadening their horizons, and presenting them with opportunities of creative expression. To be able to bring this program and other programs to the community, we would love your support! Become a part of the Friends of Coast City Ballet Guild.

*If you would like more information on joining the Friends of Coast City Ballet Guild, please contact us at (714) 963-9771 or visit our website at [www.coastcityballet.com](http://www.coastcityballet.com).*

*If your school would like to participate next year in our "Coast City Ballet's "Excellence in Education!" Awards Program, please have your school's administrator contact us at: (714) 963-9771 or visit our us at [www.coastcityballet.com](http://www.coastcityballet.com).*

### A parent's "Pointe"

My daughter Raquel started dancing at Pacific Dance Center in September 2004. Raquel has been in two June Programs and now two Nutcracker's since starting at PDC. Raquel lives to dance and PDC has given her the knowledge and self-confidence to express her skills. I asked Raquel

what she loves about PDC, and she said "*PDC is my second family*". WOW!! Thank you Pacific Dance Center for all you have given us, your hard work and love for our children is extraordinary.

*Submitted by Tina Domaracki*

In the coming years, we at Coast City Ballet look forward to working with you to bring the arts to the community.

Thank you for your time and energy. Season Greetings! Keep Dancing!

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## Student's Corner

I have been dancing ballet since preschool. Although I've been to many different studios, Pacific Dance Center is by far, the best. I love all of the people at PDC and all the friends I've made in my 3 years here. My teachers are also people I can talk to if I ever need them. This studio has also helped me learn important life lessons in participation and responsibility.

This year, I am extremely excited to play the leading role of *Clara* in "The Nutcracker." It has been extremely challenging and it has made me delve deep into becoming my character. I have put a lot of time and hard work into this part to help make this production a successful one. I'm sure this year's production of "The Nutcracker" will be a wonderful one thanks to Miss Clara, Mr. Charles, and Miss Aly, along with all of the dancers that are participating in this performance.

*Submitted by Hannah Morris*

## What Dance Means to Me

Dance means laughing.  
Dance means fun  
Dance is thrill  
Tears come with dance,  
But it's worth it.

I dance because it is fun. I enjoy it a lot because there are lots of movements that you can learn. When I dance, I feel like I'm flying because when you do your turns, it almost lifts you off the ground. When I feel

depressed, I always practice my splits, and it cheers me up. Whenever you need a friend, you can go to dance class, and everyone there helps you and laughs with you. Miss Clara is my favorite teacher, because when she corrects me it makes me feel better because I know I can practice it at home and be a better dancer. My dream is to become a principal dancer, or maybe a main character in a ballet.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Irving, age 9*

## 2007 Events and Performances

Feb. 7	Washington Elementary School Outreach Program Performance
Feb 10	Valentine's Dinner-Dance and Performance Fund Raiser
Feb. 18	Disneyland California Adventure Performance
April 5-10	Dance Grand Prix, Barcelona, Spain
June - Date	Annual Performance Ballet Excepts / Disco 70's
Sept 8	Nutcracker Auditions 10:00 am age 9/12 ~ 11:00 age teen/adults
Dec - Date TBA	The Nutcracker

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