



Coast City Ballet ~ Pacific Dance Center To the Pointe

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¡Viva el Baile! Barcelona Dance Grand Prix

During spring break, Coast City Ballet performed at the Dance Grand Prix in the Costa Brava, Spain. Twelve dancers and their families flew to Spain to participate in this terrific event. The dancers faced more than 150 dance schools from around the world and brought home a top-ranking trophy.

Coast City Ballet presented two dances from its repertoire: the contemporary piece "Breathe Me" and the new version of the contemporary ballet "Per Sempre." Both of these brilliantly choreographed dances commanded enthusiastic ovations from the entire audience. The dancers' passion and the company's solidity won Coast City

Ballet a 3rd-Prize trophy – we are all very proud!

While the dancers worked hard rehearsing, their families toured around the Costa Brava and took Spain by storm. On their well deserved day off, the dancers joined their families and toured Barcelona. It is a beautiful city, both modern and old, with many wonderful sights to see.

Some dancers and their families were able to visit France before meeting up with the rest of the group in Spain. Others went on to Italy for a few days after the competition in Spain ended. Although the trip required a lot of resources, time, and effort, it was very rewarding. Whether they toured through another country or not, everyone who went to Spain had an incredible experience.



Traveling to Europe to dance involved a great deal of hard work and careful planning for all of us. But in the end, everything was worthwhile. Thank you, Miss Clara and Miss Aly for the wonderful memories that the Dance Grand Prix in Spain created for everyone.

Submitted by Jenny Gardelle

Students Corner

I was eight years old when I first started taking classes at Pacific Dance Center (PDC). I was very nervous, but I quickly made many friends. The

teachers at PDC are funny, nice, sweet, and supportive. We all take care of each other and we always have fun together.

My involvement with PDC has taken me to many competitions in



the past two years. I also auditioned for and was accepted as a member of Coast City Ballet. We recently went to Spain to compete internationally. We placed third in our division and won a huge trophy. Pacific Dance Center is a wonderful place to dance and I hope I will dance there with all of my friends for a long time.

*Raquel Domaracki, Age 12
Coast City Ballet,
Company Apprentice*

2007—2008 Events and Performances

- Aug 12 Choreographers Showcase
- Sept 8 Nutcracker Auditions
10:00 am age 9/12~11:00 age teen/adults
- Dec 15 The Nutcracker
- Feb 16 Valentine's Dinner-Dance Fund Raiser
- June Annual School Performance

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A parent's "Pointe"

Recently, dance instructor extraordinaire Clara D'Autilia asked me to write about my experiences with Pacific Dance Center and our upcoming performance. For several weeks, five of us dads and our daughters practiced a dance for the June 16th performance at Millikan High School. We have been dancing to an old Jackson 5 tune titled "I'll be There." As you might imagine, by the title, it is really a two-way dedication between the fathers and their daughters.

This has been an incredible experience; one that I will always cherish. There were times when I stood on stage watching my daughter Kelsey dance, and I became teary-eyed. Kelsey is 17 years old now and has a very hectic schedule as most kids her age do. Between school, friends, and preparing for college, I don't get to visit and "play" with her as I did



when she was little. The end of the dance (when all the fathers step back so the daughters can enjoy the spotlight that they so richly deserve) reminds me of those precious times. This is a beautiful moment in our lives that we are able to share. Dancing has brought us all closer together. When I see Eric and Elise trying to time their jump, Hannah spinning just right around Brian, Doug lifting Lauren, or Larry and Raquel doing chaînés, we all realize

that our daughters may go, but will always come back to us. It reminds us dads of the importance of our relationships with our daughters. Just a couple of days ago, the parent and friend of another dancer at the studio came up to me at the grocery store and said, "You made my daughter cry." I was taken aback. She then told me that the father-daughter dance was so sweet, that her daughter, while watching, was brought to tears.

There have been many special moments that the other fathers and I have been privileged with. When Kelsey was young, she used to get about 100 feet away and run as fast as she could into my arms. When we dance, I'm back in that place, and she is running into my arms again. .

Submitted by Gary Downes

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