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The mission of Juneau Dance Unlimited is to nurture discipline, confidence, mental and physical fitness and creativity through professional dance instruction and performance opportunities; to foster an appreciation of the art of dance in the Juneau community; and to develop artistic creativity and skills in both visual and performing arts through its annual Fine Arts Camp.



Artistic Director's Notes

Greetings!

Fall is an exciting time of year at JDU as our students are settling into their class routine and the 2012 Nutcracker Ballet rehearsals are in full swing for many of our talented and dedicated dancers. This year's Nutcracker is sure to be one of JDU's best productions yet with the addition of new choreography, costumes and two male guest artists. Choreographic additions this year include a Snow Scene Pas de Deux, an Arabian Pas de Deux and a total of six Baby Mice, all with new costumes. Also we are adding an extra Saturday 2 pm matinee for a total of five performances. This holiday ballet classic will be sure to entertain and thrill your family!

As a non-profit arts organization, JDU is constantly seeking new sources of revenue through fundraising, donations and sponsorships to help

sustain and nurture our future growth as Juneau's premier performing arts dance group. As Artistic Director, I want to take this moment to personally request your help in obtaining this goal by asking you for a monetary donation or sponsorship. Your donation or sponsorship goes a long way towards making productions like the Nutcracker Ballet possible by helping with the hiring of guest artists, the purchase of new costumes, scenery and theatre production costs.

I gratefully appreciate your support for JDU and promise to continue providing the Juneau community with outstanding dance instruction and education.

Sincerely Yours,
Philip Krauter

FROM THE BOARD - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

The end of October marks the end of another JDU Board cycle. This is the time of our Annual Meeting, the time when we say thank you to board members who have completed their terms and welcome new members who are stepping up to the task of shepherding our organization. It is also a time for looking back and the year and celebrating the efforts of the staff and volunteers who work to keep JDU healthy and vibrant. Below are some highlights from the 2011-2012 year:

- The Board held two successful strategic planning sessions.
- The Board continued the work of creating a Board Policy manual. They are half the way there with the final 4 chapters drafted and ready to be reviewed and approved.
- JDU had the most successful, well-attended Nutcracker Production yet with ticket sales of \$16,135. We also had the highest earning holiday raffle with an income of \$13,040.
- JDU collaborated with the Juneau Student Symphony in March. This successful partnership with another arts organization in Juneau is an example of one of the goals identified in our strategic planning.
- Our successful Ballet to Broadway performance in May included firsts such as the collaboration with Mr. Guohua Xia's studio who brought live musicians to the stage along with the dancers and the broadening of our Theatre Dance program to include singing as well as dancing in the performance.
- The May Dance Recital was held for the first time ever in the Thunder Mountain auditorium; our young dancers were thrilled to perform on the "real" stage.
- JDU's Fine Arts Camp continues to thrive and offer quality arts programming to the community. Once again, the Weber Dance company from Boston partnered with us to offer dance classes within the camp as well as two dance intensives for older students. Weber also performed their own unique work for the public.
- Volunteers from the Board and the Fund Development Committee were successful in the creation of our first ever Promotional Video which can now be viewed on our website and will also be used as a tool for seeking sponsorship for our organization.
- JDU ended the year in the black, thanks especially to all the hard work going into fund development, the quality of dance instruction and our good reputation within the community. This is an amazing success given our history and the current economic hardships faced by most non-profit arts organizations.
- We have now instituted a scholarship for boys in our efforts to recruit male dancers. To date we have successfully recruited one young man from Glacier Valley School and plan to continue partnering with the schools to identify dancers who may be interested in JDU classes as well as to positively impact the dance and theatre programs in the schools.
- This past year we successfully began outsourcing grant writing work with plans to expand in the future the number of grants we apply for and, hopefully, receive!
- For the first time tickets to JDU performances are available online at both the JAHC website and our juneaudance.org site. Tickets continue to be available at Hearthside, the JACC and the JDU office.

VOLUNTEER CALL

Many hands make light work! Please read on for this season's volunteer needs at JDU:

- Volunteers needed for Nutcracker-related tasks. In particular: staffing concessions, the holiday shoppe and the flower sale table out in the commons; also more volunteers able to help decorate and bring food for the cast party.
- Small versions of our Nutcracker poster can be distributed to friends and family so that they can "Save the Date". Pick them up in the lobby or contact the JDU office.
- Program Ad Sales and Dancer Greetings continue to be sold and bring revenue to JDU.
- Kitchen cabinets wanted for our break room. Let the office know if have a lead on anyone seeking to get rid of old cabinets.



JDU SPRING SURVEY RESULTS, 2012

The JDU Board solicited your input in May 2012 and asked you to rate our programs and instructors. Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our end-of-year survey! Over thirty people responded to the survey which consisted of giving ratings and answering open-ended questions. We received many positive comments regarding the quality of instruction and the opportunities that JDU provides dancers. There were some areas, however, where you asked for improvement. We've taken your comments very seriously and we are implementing changes to improve our dance program. Our policies now include improved communication with parents and dancers, via rehearsal schedules, emails and regular updates on our website. We've started informing parents upfront of our expectations and their obligations when their student is involved in a production, such as selling raffle tickets, paying recital fees and volunteering. We've begun selling tickets to our performances through the Vendini ticketing system, and very soon we will begin offering an online registration option for busy families.



We think you'll be pleased that we've already taken steps to address some of your concerns, and we'll continue to work hard to respond to your suggestions and improve our programs. We hope that you will let us know throughout the year if you have more comments or suggestions or if you were unable to complete the survey. Feel free to contact a board member, a staff member, or the artistic director anytime. We value your feedback.

DANCER RESOURCES TO KNOW ABOUT BALLET TALK FOR DANCERS

Look here for a variety of forums containing news and discussion on topics of interest to dancers and those who support them: dancers.invisionzone.com.

KINETICFLIX

Similar to Netflix, these folks maintain an inventory of dance, fitness and sports DVDs and mails them out to subscribers. Check it out at www.kineticflix.com.

DISCOUNT DANCE SUPPLY

This on-line store has good prices on standard dance attire and accessories including leotards, tights and shoes. They also get things into the mail quickly. www.discountdance.com.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Many people have helped recently on a variety of JDU projects. There are some particular individuals who have stepped up to take on large tasks recently and we would like to recognize them here.

The following people are taking leadership in the many areas that comprise the Nutcracker:

- Tom Brayton is heading up Concessions
- Cherish Hansen is overseeing the Holiday Shoppe.
- Kim Cole is organizing Candy Grams for sale.
- Bridget Lujan and Emily Fergusson are taking care of costumes for young dancers and lining up volunteers for back stage assistance.
- Karen Allen is our Hair and Makeup expert for the Nutcracker.
- Marjorie Hamburger and Kris Benson are busy fitting and sewing costumes.
- Nancy Sutch and Sue Mason are taking care of flowers for sale.
- Lisa McDowell is our stage/props manager.

Also, we'd like to extend a special thanks to Amy Gassan, Dr. Catherine Peimann and Linda Trousil for their work on our paper purge/organizing project. They are nearing completion and are making it possible for us to maintain appropriate files and manage our space to help avoid the need to rent storage space and also to use our break room more effectively.

Finally, another thanks to Kim Cole for joining the Fund Development Committee.

Calendar

October 27-November 3

Raffle tickets distributed to students for selling. Interested in being a part of a group sweeping a neighborhood? Please call Charlotte in the office to be matched up with others.

November 8

Board meeting, JDU Break Room, 7 pm.

November 13

Fund Development Committee meeting, JDU Break Room, 6 pm.

November 15

Deadline for Ad Sales for Nutcracker Program & Dancer Greetings. Forms available in the lobby or email the office for an electronic copy.

November 15

Next Empire Dance order submitted.

November 17, 18, 24 & 25

Tables at Safeway & Foodland IGA for selling raffle tickets; sign up in the lobby for a spot.

