



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

The Nutcracker Ballet: Congratulations to all the dancers, parents and grandparents that help to make this year's production so successful! It was truly magical.... *Nutcracker DVDs should be in by December 14! Pick up in the office.*

Photos from the Nutcracker performances:

Can be viewed at the following sites:

Alberto Serra-Click on Nutcracker

<http://www.shutterfly.com/pro/Performance/ThomasArmourNutcracker>

Martha Guerra- <http://www.photorelect.com/PR3/thumbpage.aspx?e=5803544>

Lost and Found: There are many "Lost and Found" items in the office at the Conservatory. Please pick them up. After December 19, they will be washed and donated to charity.

CLASS VIEWINGS: Parents and families are invited to view your child's ballet class the week of Monday, December 14 through Saturday, December 19. Come to your child's regularly scheduled day and time. Please turn off all cell phones in the classroom.

Faculty holiday gifts: The faculty knows how much you and your children appreciate them. However, they have requested that in lieu of gifts to them, that toys be donated to our Toy Drive. This was a very successful project last year and changed the holidays for many families. A simple card can be given to the teacher informing them of the donation. A second option is a donation to the TAYB Scholarship program. Your gift to the program enables other children the chance to access quality ballet training at our main site or at one of our 5 outreach sites. Just click on the donations link on our homepage: thomasarmouryouthballet.org or go to: http://thomasarmouryouthballet.org/about_donations.html

The Gold Party fundraiser: in October was a huge success for everyone! We are hosting a second one in **December** due to overwhelming requests. Please help raise funds for the Thomas Armour Youth Ballet. Our school makes money off of each transaction without affecting the amount of money you can take home for your items!

At the last event, over \$6,000 worth of checks were written to only 30 participants who brought in their old jewelry and, as a result, the Thomas Armour Youth Ballet made \$1,000!

Please save the date!!!

What: Thomas Armour Youth Ballet Gold Party Fundraiser

When: Saturday, Dec. 12th, 130pm - 4pm

Where: Miami Conservatory - 5818 SW 73rd Street

Empty out your jewelry boxes and bring in your unwanted **gold, silver,** and/or **platinum. This is a great way to get some extra cash before the holiday season!**

Can't make it to the event? Just drop your unwanted jewelry off in the office before Dec. 12th and you will receive a phone call the day of the event with an estimate prior to any transaction happening.

Winter Break will begin on December 20. We will re-open on Monday, January 4th. Have a wonderful Holiday!

