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Celebrating over 34 Years of Dance!
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ROBINSON BALLET Announces 2011 - 2012 Season, Auditions & New Classes!

SEASON CALENDAR

Classes

Pre-Season Workshop

Week of August 22

Monday - Thursday

ballet, pointe, jazz, modern

School of Robinson Ballet

Registration starts by phone August 29 - 990-3140

In Person September 3 from 11 am to 1 pm

Classes begin Wednesday, September 7

Auditions

Studio Series - Friday, August 26 at 10 am

The Nutcracker - Saturday, September 10

Ages 9 - 12 at 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Age 12 through adult from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Rehearsals start the following weekend September 18

Robinson Ballet LIVE! - Auditions - January

Performances

Studio Series - Saturday, October 22 - 7 pm

Brick Church on Union Street

Exhibit -

"Pumpkins in the Park" - October 31

The Nutcracker

November 19 - University of Maine at **Machias**, 3 & 7 pm

November 27 - **Houlton** Community Arts Center, 2 pm

December 3 - Berlin Jr. High, **Berlin, NH**, 3 pm

December 10 & 11 - The Grand Auditorium, **Ellsworth**

Sat - noon & 4 pm, Sun - 2 pm

December 17 & 18 - **Collins Center for the Arts** UMaine

with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra

Sat, 2 & 7 pm, Sun - 3 pm

Robinson Ballet LIVE! and **Children's Matinee**

April 13 & 14 - **Ellsworth** High School

April 20 & 21 - **Bangor** Opera House

Studio Series

May - TBA

ROBINSON BALLET STUDIO SERIES -

Wish you could see your favorite Robinson Ballet pieces again? The *Studio Series* is your chance. The *Studio Series* will draw from RBC's 34 years of choreography to recreate two one-hour long evening performances. Audience members should expect to see some of their favorite pieces as well as vintage choreography. Performed in the Union Street Brick Church, the *Studio Series* will be a place for the audience to mingle and converse while enjoying complimentary desserts and coffee before and after the performance. Seating is limited so reserve your tickets early. Tables for 8 can be reserved as well. Tickets are \$15 each and will be available September 1 at the RBC studios and online.

Studio Series Auditions - All dancers are invited to audition on Friday, August 26 at 10 am. Dancers will need to bring pointe shoes and, if chosen, will be committed to Friday afternoon rehearsals.

The second of the series will be held in May as well as additional performance opportunities throughout the year.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS -

Robinson Ballet congratulates and offers best wishes to the following students as they make their way to college. Each of the dancers received a well-deserved scholarship to be used either for tuition or other school expenses. Since 2006, a total of 21 students have shared \$14,000 from the Ralph Robinson Dance Scholarship Fund.

Sarah Bishop
Ava Gordley-Smith
Elise Lichenberg

Rachel Caron
Lorna Harriman
Alex Michaud

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(above the Greyhound Bus Station)*

CELEBRATING 34 YEARS OF DANCE!

SCHOOL OF ROBINSON BALLET -

Registration opens August 29 and classes begin September 7. As always, discounts are available for those students who pay for the full year or the "3 Payment Plan." To make it easier on parents and students this year, payment through PayPal is available. As always, at the **School of Robinson Ballet** there are **NO registration fees, recital fees, nor costume charges**. Our end of the year performances will be held for parents and friends at the Union Street Brick Church. Due to increased interest and attendance last June, we will be having additional performances.

Multiple classes include all family members, College students receive a discount, and there are adult class cards available. *Male dancers are an integral part of the performing arts, therefore, at the **School of Robinson Ballet**, all classes for male students are complimentary.*

Robinson Ballet classes include ballet, pointe, modern, jazz, contemporary, and tap. Additional classes in Zumba, held on Tuesdays, and Middle Eastern Dance, held Wednesdays are offered.

Instructors are RBC Artistic Directors Keith and Maureen Robinson, former RBC dancer Dale Robertson, Stevie Dunham who holds a BFA in dance and choreography, and Terry Lacy, former professional dancer with NYC Opera, Radio City Christmas Spectacular, and Washington Ballet. All are very experienced in teaching all age levels and promote a positive experience as well as role models. Teaching the Jazz/Modern class on Mondays will be Caitlyn Davenport. We welcome her to our faculty.

"THE KITCHEN SINK" -

What RBC did over the summer.

A small group of RBC dancers calling themselves "The Kitchen Sink" performed at **Stillwater Artsapalooza** in Orono on June 25 and also at **Schoodic Arts Festival** in Winter Harbor August 7. The hour long performances showcased ballet, pointe, and jazz. As a special treat, **Ian Robinson** performed with the troupe in August. Both venues were to a captivated audition and showed the versatility of RBC's dancers and faculty.

