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PWE Spring Concert



This year Sharron Miller's Performance Workshop Ensemble (PWE) will hold its annual concert on Sunday, June 10th at 3:00 pm. All proceeds from this event benefit the PWE Scholarship Fund.

The PWE was created to give gifted and talented SMAPA students the opportunity for intensive training through merit-based scholarships. The PWE members also gain performance experience as they work with professional choreographers who create original dance pieces performed throughout this, and neighboring communities. In return for their scholarships, they give back to the community through their artistry.

This year, the PWE will have three new pieces choreographed especially for them: "5013" by Lauren MacAllister, "Le Joie de Danse" by Adrienne Armstrong, and "Chaos" by Christopher Huggins. Both Armstrong and MacAllister are SMAPA faculty members. This is Huggins' second piece for PWE.



PWE Performs "5013" at FunRaiser, 2011



FROM THE DESK OF SHARRON MILLER

Things are really alive and bubbling at SMAPA!! 2012 has already brought a grant of \$5000 from the Montclair Foundation in support of our summer arts program for preschoolers. Thanks to this generous grant students from the Neighborhood Childcare Center will be able to participate in any one of our nine, one-week, theme-based sessions of our Preschool Prime Time Summer Arts. We are sincerely grateful to the Montclair Foundation for this award.

For the third year in a row SMAPA will provide a seven-week dance residency for all 1st and 2nd grade students in ten East Orange elementary schools. This residency (which represents a total of 336 dance classes) is made possible by a generous grant of \$35,000 from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and a grant of \$14,000 from the Turrell Fund.

Our scholarship programs continue to thrive with approximately 10 percent of our students receiving financial aid, made possible in part through your generous donations. Our Performance Workshop Ensemble (PWE) will perform in a free family concert with the Plainfield Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, February 4th at 3:00 PM at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, NJ. PWE is a merit-based, full scholarship program supported in part by a generous grant from the Stone Foundation. For more information on the performance pick up a flyer at our front desk. We hope to see you all!

We are extraordinarily proud of the accomplishments we have made in the area of outreach and scholarship programs over the past 15 years. As we begin our 16th year we ask for your support in helping these programs to continue. All of the programs described here have been made possible by contributions from either foundations or individual donors. As a not for profit, tax-exempt 501c3 arts education organization, all contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

In order to continue our valuable work, we ask for your continued support. Your donations make a difference!



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Another Lucky Raffle Winner at FunRaiser, 2011

Good News!

The Board of Directors and Trustees of SMAPA work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our organization vital and strong. Rose Cali is currently the President of the Board and has guided SMAPA from the beginning with her wisdom and insight. She is, in every way, a true patron and supporter of arts education. Other Executive Board members are: Terry Rose, VP, Marty Krumholz, treasurer, Maria Di Dia, secretary and Sharron Miller, Chairman of the Board. The Advisory Board members are: Joanne Aidala, Jeanne Goetz, Carol Purcell, and Sharon Stephens.

In an effort to infuse new energy into our organization, we are delighted to welcome five new members to our Board who will be instrumental in helping SMAPA strengthen its fundraising capacity: Barbara Brooks-Andrews, Charmaine Gonsalves, Darcy Lowe, Marta Lucia Vargas and Keith Wiggs. We thank them in advance for their contribution.

This year SMAPA's Board of Directors in association with the "Fun-Raiser" committee made a concerted effort to build momentum in charitable giving by rolling out our Annual Appeal into a month long fundraising campaign. Our Annual Appeal includes generous donations from the Victoria Foundation Challenge Grant, and the proceeds from our Fifth Annual Fun-Raiser. Our "Fun-Raiser" on December 3rd generated \$5300 in a four hour period! Our Victoria Challenge grant, which required us to raise \$5000 in new and/or increased donations by December 31st, raised a total of \$9450. Even more, our General Scholarship Annual Appeal garnered \$2300 – all for a grand total of \$17,050!! In this economic climate it is truly miraculous that SMAPA supporters far surpassed last year's total in giving!

If you receive phone calls, emails or letters from any of our Board members, please know they are working to further our mission, strengthen our organization and help us to continue serving the community with quality arts education for children, teens and adults.

Thank you all for your generosity and commitment!



New Classes at SMAPA

Adult Ballet
with Buddy Balou
Mondays 10:30 -11:30

Theater Dance
with Conny Andres
Wednesdays 9:00- 10:00

Salsa Aerobics
with Maria Tylek
Tuesdays 7:30 - 8:30

Zumba
with Chris Livsey
Thursdays 8:00 -9:00



Maria Rodriguez Tylek Teaches Flamenco at Funraiser, 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

Closings

Good Friday - April 6, 2012
Memorial Day - May 30, 2012
Independence Day - July 4, 2012

Parent Observation Week
Fall Session
January 17 - 23, 2012

Fall Session Ends -
January 28, 2012

Spring Session Begins
January 30, 2012

Spring Session Ends
PreSchool / Junior Division
May 26, 2012

Prep / Adult Division - June 9, 2012

Summer Camp Begins
June 25, 2012

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