



# To the Pointe

## *Summer Intensive begins. Gala set for August 22nd*

Definition of *intensive*: seven hours of dance for three straight weeks. Welcome to SCB's Summer Intensive!

This year Allegra Sweeney joins Svetlana Gavrilova, Kirill Bak, Neka Tobak, Susan Hovey, Gloria Wahlroos, Cherlyn Wichser to deliver top dance and movement training for SCB dancers, culminating in the August 22nd Summer Gala at Pioneer Park! Let the fun begin!

## *Registration for Fall*

We are finalizing schedules for Fall Quarter and registration information and materials will be available after August 10th.

## *Chat with Minnesota Dance Masters with Ms. Susan/Twin Cities ballet outreach*

On August 3rd, Ms. Susan was part of the *Chat with Minnesota Dance Masters'* program at The Cowles Center for Dance and the Arts, Minneapolis. The panel had a lively discussion on the current culture of ballet in the Twin Cities. A highlight of the event was the recognition St. Croix Ballet received as a highly professional studio that has all those boys! Here's a link to the Dance Masters program. <http://riversballet.org/chat-with-the-masters.php>.

Ms. Susan was also recently asked by her good friends and former dance colleagues, Rick and Denise Vogt, Directors of Ballet Royale, Lakeville, to judge a scholarship program for their studio. (Ironically, Rick was SCB's Sugar Plum Cavalier in our first Nutcracker!). Additionally, SCB maintains a long and endearing friendship with Kirill Bak and Svetlana Gavrilova of Academy of Russian Ballet, Minnetonka. In short, SCB is getting a lot of well-deserved recognition in the larger Twin Cities dance community as a top quality dance program- something we can all be proud of.



A fun choreographed dance number about 'a ballet class' from the 2013 Summer Gala

## SCB DANCERS ATTEND NATIONAL/ REGIONAL SUMMER INTENSIVES!

Congratulations to the SCB dancers who attended various summer programs near and far. Not wanting to miss SCB's own Summer Intensive, all dancers are back. We look forward to hearing of your great adventures.

Emma Atkins, Joffrey Ballet in Chicago  
Savannah Beaurline, Patel Conservatory, Tampa  
Simeon Beaurline, Patel Conservatory, Tampa  
Ally DesJardins, North Carolina School for the Arts  
Katie Hinseth, Ballet Royale, Lakeville  
Will Kratz, Milwaukee Ballet  
Elysia Utech, St. Paul City Ballet

### MS. LAURA EXPECTING SOON!

We had a little celebration at the studio last week for Ms. Laura, who is expecting her first child very shortly. She will be taking a few months off of teaching and will be joining us again later in the Fall. We are thinking of you Ms. Laura!

### Online tuition payment system

SCB's online registration and payment system ([stcroixballet.com/online\\_payment\\_registration.aspx](http://stcroixballet.com/online_payment_registration.aspx)) is a safe and easy way to enroll your student. We utilize Authorize.Net (a competitor of PayPal), which is one of the industry's most trusted and secure service providers. The cost of the transaction is approximately 3% of the total cost of tuition, however, it's possible it could be less, depending on the specific type of credit card you use. Of course, dropping off a payment at the studio or mailing your tuition works just fine too (mailing address: St. Croix Ballet, PO Box 221, Stillwater, MN 55082).

## *A Note from Ms. Susan*

### 10 Years!

It is absolutely hard to believe that this will be my tenth year teaching at St. Croix Ballet. It is a great honor to lead such a remarkable program of dance and to build upon Karla Sweeney's founding vision and work. I couldn't be more excited about the coming year of classes, shows and intensives.

We will see you all soon!

Ms. Susan

## Calendar

Ongoing summer classes (for non Summer Intensive students) July 7-August 22

Summer Intensive: August 4-August 22

Summer Gala: Friday, August 22 7:00 p.m. Pioneer Park, Stillwater

No Classes/Pre-Registration for Fall: August 25-29

Fall Classes Begin: September 2

Nutcracker Auditions: September 6



**GREAT DANCERS. CARING YOUNG ADULTS.** *Jete for the Cure* for SCB Founder and long-time Director Mz. Karla Sweeney. SCB dancers (including alum) were jete-ing all night long @Relay for Life@SAHS Aug 1-2. Thank you SCB Dancers!

