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Dance Around Town

Edward Morgan Summer Dance Intensive, June 8 - 18, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Carver School for Visual and Performing Arts Presents Edward Morgan, Director of The MorganScott Ballet New York City. The company has been described as "a glittering display of balletic classicism" by The New York Times. Free! Classes for 8 - 18 year olds. Classical Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Contemporary, Hip-. All levels welcome. Performance Main Stage: June 18, 7:30 p.m. Audition: Friday, May 1: registration 4 p.m.; audition: 5 - 9 p.m. Audition location: Carver School for Visual and Performing Arts, 226 N. Hackberry, San Antonio, Texas, 78202. (210) 207-7211 (Carver); (212) 582-1941 (MorganScott).

www.thecarver.org

www.morganscottballet.org

Fine Arts Dance throughout the district.



Teacher of the Year Performance

Students from Stevens and Holmes HS were the highlight at this year's Teacher of the Year Awards. This was the first time that dance was represented at these events but after receiving a standing ovation from the crowd and Dr. Folks, it will definitely not be the last. Thank you to our dance teachers Rosemary Marroquin, Candice Miller and James Miculka for their hard work and for bringing more awareness of the great things that are happening in our department.

National Dance Week April 24- May 3

Let's Dance

It takes an athlete to dance, but an artist to be a dancer. – Shanna LaFleur

Our Dance department will be presenting two summer dance camps: June 15- 18 & June 22- 25 at Zachry and Ross middle schools. Ross middle school dance camp will offer jazz dance and Zachry middle school campers will be introduced to ballroom dance. A big THANKS to dance teachers Jackie Aguirre (Brandeis), Angela Pina (Warren), theatre/dance teacher Margaret Sgarlata (Vale), and Robyn Archer (Stevens) who will lead these dance sessions.

Future Agenda

Fine Arts Dance Workshop

Our last workshop of the year is scheduled for Monday April 27, 2009 at Clark HS, beginning at 4:30 p.m. James Drury (International Folk Dancer) will be presenting the workshop. He will provide us with CDs of his folk dance music for teachers to use in their classroom along with the dance notation to accompany each dance. Come join the FUN!



James "Jimmy" Drury is a musician and dancer, teaching English Country, contra, and international dances. He teaches monthly dance classes in San Antonio, Texas. He is the contact for the San Antonio International Dancers as well as the San Antonio Ragtime Society and the society's Youth Contest & Ragtime Concert. Jimmy is the son of famed dance instructor [Nelda Drury](#) and is a retired accountant. Jimmy loves playing fiddle but he also is a gifted pianist who loves performing classic ragtime piano and he teaches classes in both violin and piano. Jimmy plays piano with the [Cactus Canyon Contra Band](#), San Antonio's local long-standing contra band, formed in 1985. They've played mostly for contra dances, but have also played for the annual Victorian Gala (and other Fiesta events), the San Antonio Folklife Festival, and for various other public events as well as for the occasional wedding. The band appeared in a Blue Bell Ice Cream commercial which was aired extensively in the late 1980's and early 90's. They usually play for the second Saturday dance in San Antonio at which Jimmy teaches. He plays piano in [All Strung Out](#) (jigs, reels, and waltzes which are very upbeat and make for easy dancing). Jimmy also directed the much-loved Lost Pines Dance Hall in Bastrop. Jimmy is the Folk Culture Administrator of the [International Folk Culture Center](#) in San Antonio, Texas. On March 10, 2001, at the 42nd Annual San Antonio College Folk Dance Festival, the Texas Folk Dance Award was presented to Jimmy, "long a popular and actively involved dance teacher at the IFCC."

In the Spotlight

Rosemary Marroquín

Rosemary Marroquin began training at the age of 3 in ballet, tap, and jazz dance at the Lubbock Fine Arts School of Dance in Lubbock, Texas. At the age of 9 she began studying Ballet Folklórico (Mexican Folk Dance). She continued to study, perform and even teach dance all through high school. She graduated with a BA in Dance from Texas Tech University with a specialization in Modern Dance. After college, she moved to New York City where she studied and performed professionally for 5 years. Upon returning to Texas, she went back to Texas Tech University to receive her teaching certification which has fortunately enabled her to teach a subject she is extremely passionate about. This marks Mrs. Marroquin's fifth year as a secondary dance teacher and fourth year at Holmes High School where she also serves as the director of Holmes HS Award-Winning Goldenbelles dance team.

*Dancers are
instruments, like a piano
the choreographer
plays. ~George
Balanchine*

Curtain Call - "Current and Future District Initiatives"

Future Performances / Lectures / Demonstrations

One of the greatest pleasures about working at Northside is to be able to offer our students the opportunity to showcase their talents outside of the campus as well as allow for time to meet and learn from others in their area of dance.

Winter Spectacular - Friday, December 4, 2009 McAllister Auditorium, San Antonio College, 7pm.

Close to the Artist - Fall 2009 at San Antonio College

NISD Dance Conference - Fall 2010

NISD Dance Festival - NISD first arts dance competition. Each campus level of dance would present a dance in their favorite style. Judges would be from area colleges/universities and would deliver a critique and rate each individual campus level using the good/excellent/superior rating system.

Dance in the Making - Level 3 & 4 students would present and receive critique of their choreographies. Dance experts in the community would critique student's work.

NISD After School Dance - Former NISD dance students who are currently majoring in dance will have the opportunity to teach an after school dance program. This school year, Learning Tree at Linton Elementary hired Celena Rodriguez (current Northwest Vista College dance major) to implement a 3rd, 4th and 5th grade after school dance program.

Summer Dance Camps - Ross and Zachry middle school will be offering dance camps in jazz and ballroom dance.

Welcome to the World of Dance - Throughout the district, campuses will present pieces at their end of the year recitals. Check the fine arts calendar for dates.

Other: Performances throughout the year at **Art Fest** and **Los Leones**.

Dance & Technology Power Point Lesson: Folk/Ethnic Dance Companies in SA

Research a Folk/Ethnic dance company in San Antonio.

Have students select a San Antonio dance company and prepare a power point presentation with the following information. Teachers Create your own rubric for assessment.

*History of company

*Repertoire

*Performances

*Next Performance

*Contact Info

*Location

*Bio on Director

*Info on how to join

List of Dance Companies

A & R Productions

Alamo City Dance Company

Arathi School of Indian Dance

Ballet Folklorico Boriken

Ballet Folklorico Del Cielo

Bedouin Dancers

Chilean Folklife International Dancers

Co-motion Dance Group

De Texas Klompendansers, Dutch Folk Dancers

Fire on the Mountain Cloggers

Grupo Espana Viva

Hula Halau Ohana Elikapaka

Inflight Dance Company

Inishfree School of Irish Dancing

Josephine Show Stoppers

Karavan Dance Company

Kazamba Drum & Dance Group

Matsuri Japanese Dance/Festival Group

Natyanjali Center for Performing Arts

Norwegian Society Leikarringen Dancers

Panamanian Folklore Dancers

Polish Folk Dancers of San Antonio Texas Inc.

San Antonio Deaf Dance Co.

San Antonio Irish Dancers

San Antonio Lion Dance Association

San Antonio Street Dance & Drum Company

Semenaya Dance Group

Teokalli Aztec Dancers

Texas Thunder Criste Tonra

Trinity University Dancers

Xibuke Dance Company

Zorya Ukrainian Dance Ensemble

Alamo Arts Ballet Theater

Alamotion & Fandango

Ballet Conservatory of South Texas

Ballet Folklorico de San Antonio

Ballet San Antonio

Cadence Cloggers

City Dance

Danza Huehucoyotzin in San Antonio

Der Deutsche Volkstanzverein von San Antonio

Flamenco Fuego de San Antonio

Guadalupe Dance Company

Ilé Bahia de San Antonio

Puro Tango

Insight Dance Ensemble

Jump-Start Performance Company

Karilagan Philippine Cultural Group, Inc.

Lebanese Folk Dancers

Modern Dancers' Co-Laboratory

North Broadway Performing Arts Center

Mazurka Polish Dancers

Philippine Dance Company of San Antonio, Inc

RPM Youth Tap Ensemble

San Antonio Folk Dancers

San Antonio Jazz Ensemble

San Antonio Metropolitan Ballet

San Antonio Tangueros

Small Bones

Texas Czech Beseda Dancers

Third Coast Rhythm Project

Urban 15

Venezuela en Danzas



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"The dance teacher not only sets up the situation and suggests the material to be explored, but through suggestion and questions opens up a world of possibilities to be experienced by the child.

.... The teacher therefore acts as guide rather than director." –J. Russell
