

WELCOME TO ARTSREACH 2011

OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2011

Coppelia *The Girl with the Enamel Eyes*

Dear Educator,

Oklahoma City Ballet is proud to present, for the twenty-second consecutive year, the ArtsReach program for students in grades 1 – 12. Having been named a Governor's Arts Award recipient for innovative programming in October of 1997, ArtsReach provides an exciting opportunity for **all teachers** and any others in your school who are looking for an interesting, fun and challenging way to bring the arts into the classroom.

The program consists of the following components:

* **Internet links to exciting ballet websites** – Oklahoma City Ballet has streamlined the program so that it is easier to follow and more user friendly. Student hand-outs and information on related areas can be accessed via the internet, including selections of music, beautiful dance photos and in motion ballet steps of your choice and other valuable information on the art of ballet. We feel that this new change allows teachers to make unique lesson plans for the ability of your students and the time you wish to spend on the project.

* **Live Performances for Students** - the culmination of the ArtsReach program will be the special live performances for students by artists of Oklahoma City Ballet. These performances will be held at the Civic Center Music Hall in Oklahoma City. The schedule for this year's student performances is as follows:

Monday, October 24 at 10:00 AM
Monday, October 24 at 12:30 PM

Tuesday, October 25 at 10:00 AM
Tuesday, October 25 at 12:30 PM

Probably the most exciting thing about the ArtsReach program is that it's **ABSOLUTELY FREE TO ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS!** Thanks to the generosity of statewide & regional corporations and foundations, which underwrite this program each year, the only cost incurred to participating schools is the cost of transportation to the **Civic Center Music Hall** for the student performances on **October 24 & 25, 2011.**

To get involved in ArtsReach, please visit our website at **www.okcballet.com** and go to the Outreach link and download the **Participation Agreement** and **School Information** forms at the bottom of the page. ALL FORMS MUST be completed by each attending teacher in FULL and returned to our offices as quickly as possible. Please indicate your first and second choices on the enclosed School Information Form. Each performance will last approximately 1 1/4 hours.

Mail both forms to: Ballet Oklahoma Inc.
ATTN: Viktoria Page, ArtsReach Coordinator
7421 North Classen
Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Or you may FAX the forms to our offices at 405/843-9894. In the event that you are FAXing your forms to us, it is not the responsibility of Ballet Oklahoma Inc. to ensure that your forms were received. I would strongly encourage you to follow-up your transmission with a phone call to make sure we did indeed receive your form.

Once we have received your Participation Agreement and School Information Form, we will confirm your school's participation in writing. And should the response exceed the number of students the program can accommodate (as it has in previous years), we will implement a waiting list for any openings that might become available.

Should you have any questions or need additional information on the ArtsReach program, please don't hesitate to contact me at vp@okcballet.com, and I will be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you and we hope you take advantage of this exciting and unique opportunity for you and your students.

Sincerely,

Viktoria Page
ArtsReach Coordinator
Oklahoma City Ballet

P.S. Every effort will be made to place you in your first choice for the student performances. However, you must be flexible enough to accept your alternate choice as this program fills so quickly. Thank you!