



## Highlights from TAYB

**2012-13 School Year:** Programming began at all five sites on August 20th. We expect to reach over 350 students at our outreach locations and over 800 at our main site.

**Tap Team:** Thomas Armour Youth Ballet's Tap Team, consisting of the best tap students from across all five sites, have been busy performing at venues across the county including the Little Haiti Cultural Center, and Westland Mall. Click [here](#) to see a recent performance Coles Stroll by Honi Coles and [here](#) to see the the team performing The Latin Shuffle by Natasha Williams.



**New Curriculum:** TAYB has developed its 2012-13 curriculum "Teaching Dance through Art and History" to be used across all five sites. Content covered will include dance, music, politics, choreographers, composers and history from the 1900s through 1950.

**2-year olds Welcome:** TAYB has begun a "Mommy & Me" class for preschoolers under the age of three. Mommy and toddler interact through developmentally appropriate movements, created by Anne Green Gilbert, that aim to wire the central nervous system, laying a foundation for appropriate behavior and attention, eye convergence necessary for reading, sensory-motor development, and more.

**Radio Outreach:** Artistic faculty Mariana Alvarez and Rosario Suarez, along with Chief of Arts Education & Outreach Geannina Burgos, will continue TAYB's ballet series on Spanish Radio, Esperanza 1550AM. TAYB hopes duplicate this series for the Haitian-American community on WSRF 1580AM.

**Alumna featured in Dance Magazine:** Masha Maddux, TAYB and NWSA alumna and dancer with Martha Graham Dance Company, was featured in September's issue of Dance Magazine.

**The Children's Trust:** TAYB is delighted to announce that The Children's Trust has renewed its funding contract for the 2012-13 year. These funds help support our four outreaches, which provide free ballet and tap classes to underserved children in Homestead, West Coconut Grove, Miami Gardens and Little Haiti.

**TAYB students win scholarships:** Another scholarship from Ransom Everglades has been awarded to a TAYB student. We continue to gain access for our students to local private schools such as Carrollton, Ransom and Cushman.

## Upcoming Events & Successes



**Nutcracker:** One hundred and fifty students audition for the 2012 Nutcracker. Students from across all five sites will rehearse every weekend for the next 10 weeks to perfect their roles in the production. Three day performances will be held for students attending public, charter, private and home schools in Miami-Dade County. A performance for the general public will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st at 7pm at the Miami-Dade County Auditorium.

**Alumna to return as Sugar Plum Fairy:** We are thrilled to announce that Caroline Betancourt, TAYB alumna and dancer with Louisville Ballet, returns to us as a guest artist along with her partner Evguenie Doukokie in the role of Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier.

**TAYB & New World Symphony:** On Sunday, Sept. 30th at 1130am and 230pm, one of our advanced dancers will be performing the Swan Lake theme at the New World Symphony event entitled, Concert for kids: Shall we dance? Tickets are available [here](#).

**GMYS collaborates with TAYB:** The collaboration will include a lecture for children demonstrating the interaction between live music and dance and will be performed at the Northshore Youth Center on October 26th and the Miami Beach Library on April 27th. The theme will be a selection from

Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*.

**TAYB at the Deering Estate:** Company members will be performing Mikus Pas de Trois at the Deering Estate Foundation's Annual "Moon on Harvest Festival" on Saturday, October 27th at the Deering Estate.

**TAYB College students perform in PR:** Stephanie Fuentes, Annellyse Munroe, and Ricardo Dume traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico this summer at the invitation of the DRAMA DANZA Semana Internacional del Baile festival.

**TAYB graduates move to professional companies:** Nathaly Prieto - Dayton Ballet, Ayla Wiesz - Ballet Hispanico, Jay Reimers - Sacramento Ballet ; Elizabeth Keller - Trey McIntyre Project; Nicholas Losada - Bavarian State Ballet in Munich; Rony Lenis - Colorado Ballet; Gentry George - Ailey II; Josh Winzler - Ballet Hispanico; Katherine Alvarado - Dance Theatre of Harlem Pre-professional Program; Devaughn McGann - Dance Theatre of Harlem Pre-professional Program



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