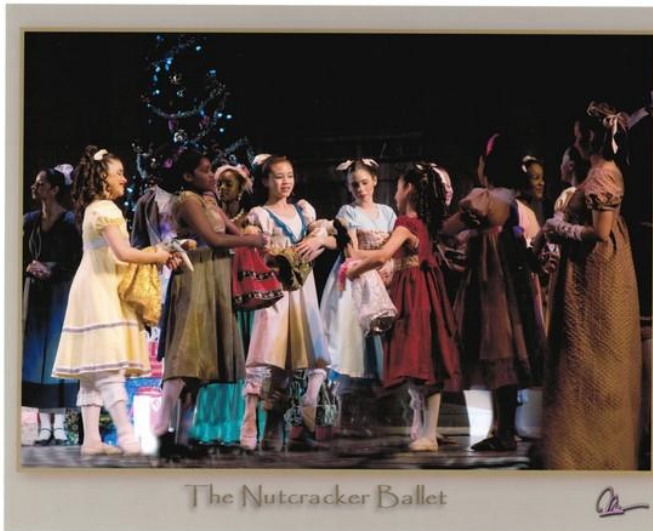




TAYB Spring 2012 Newsletter

Past Highlights:



Nutcracker: Thomas Armour Youth Ballet's 2011 production was a huge success. Our cast of 160 performed for an audience of 10,000 during the four shows. TAYB incorporated a "Meet & Greet" of the dancers after the morning performances so that school children could have an up close experience with the cast members.

Power2Give: A sincere thank you to all who donated and shared our project links with others. We successfully raised our first \$10,000 in 36 hours! Our director, Ruth Wiesen,

was invited to speak on NBC 6's *Live Miami at 11* along with the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs about our fundraising efforts through the website.

Nestor Torres Concert 11/11/11: TAYB dancers performed at the South Miami Dade Cultural Arts Center along with Nestor Torres and the Greater Miami Youth Symphony in his 9/11 A Concert for a New Renaissance. The performance was in remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Radio Esperanza: Geannina Burgos, Chief of Arts Education, spoke on Spanish radio 1440AM in July about TAYB's Outreach programs and in November 2011 to promote TAYB's Nutcracker. TAYB has been asked to speak regularly in a series about ballet on the local station.

New Outreach site: TAYB opened its fifth location in August of 2011 at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex in Miami Gardens. The site is at its full enrollment of 100 and programming includes pre-ballet, ballet and tap. All students are on scholarship. Click [here](#) to read a Miami Herald article about the launch of this site.

Tap Team: Natasha Williams, Outreach Tap Teacher, has put together a group of the more advanced tap students from across TAYB's sites who rehearse once a week at the South Miami site.

Upcoming Events



Spring Concert: TAYB will present the works of Petipa at it's annual Spring Concert at the New World School of the Arts theater. Performances will be on Saturday, April 28th at 7pm and Sunday, April 29th at 2pm. Please contact TAYB at [\(305\) 667-5543](tel:3056675543) for your free tickets.

Young Talent, Big Dreams: TAYB's Tap Team will be entering two pieces in this talent competition, sponsored by the Children's Trust of Miami-Dade. Please stay posted to find out if TAYB makes it to the finals!

FACES: TAYB and the Greater Miami Youth Symphony will collaborate at this year's *Families And Children Empowering Success* event at Florida International University on May 19th.

Student Auditions: TAYB students are auditioning for summer intensives as well as for middle, and high school magnet schools.

Inclusion: TAYB has paired up with CCDH/ACT to futher incorporate inclusion into its programming. Funded by the Children's Trust, its role is to work with providers to increase our community's capacity to provide quality, inclusive programs to children with disabilities. Click [here](#) to watch a Miami Herald video on inclusion at our Homestead Outreach.

Summer: Summer dance program at all of TAYB's five sites begin on Monday, June 11th.

