



SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

TAYB Tap Team performs at TEDxYouth@Miami at the Arsht Center

On November 9th, 2012 the TAYB Tap Team participated in TedXYouth@Miami at the Adrienne Arsht Center. The event was livestreamed globally. To see video from the performance click [here](#). The TAYB performance begins about 18 minutes into the video.

Thousands raised for TAYB during Give Miami Day

On 12/12/12 TAYB participated in a 24-hour online fundraising campaign sponsored by *The Miami Foundation* and the *John S. and James L. Knight Foundation* that was unprecedented in Miami. Not only did this event raise over \$18,000 for our programming, but we were also the winners of additional \$1,500 Rush Hour Fast Track incentive prize, made possible by the *Marlins Foundation*, for the most individual donations received between 530pm and 7pm.



Alumni returns as Sugar Plum for Nutcracker

Caroline Betancourt, company member of the *Louisville Ballet* and TAYB/NWSA alumni, danced the role in December. Caroline and her partner Evgueni Dokoukine, also a member of the *Louisville Ballet*, amazed audiences and inspired our students with their flawless technique and incredible stage presence. This season's production was highlighted

in *El Nuevo Herald* and on *Radio Esperanza*.

End-of-year presentations across five sites

Parents and families of TAYB students poured into studios at our South Miami, Little Haiti, West Coconut Grove, Homestead, and Miami Gardens sites to watch their children during our annual in-studio presentations. Our 2012-13 Curriculum, which covers the time period from 1900-1950, was incorporated into some of the

presentations. Click [here](#) to see a video, entitled HHA Level 1, of one of our outreach students discussing the craft project.

TAYB recognized by National Endowment for the Arts

We are pleased to announce that our work has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts and, as a result, TAYB is one of 832 non-profits nation-wide awarded a grant for 2012. We are honored by this recognition and look forward to continuing to use dance as a vehicle for success for the children of our community.



Board member named "Patron of the Arts" by the Miami Beach Arts Trust

Dennis Edwards, TAYB Board Member, and Mark Steinberg were honored in October

as *Patrons of the Arts* by the Miami Beach Arts Trust at the annual Stepping Out for the Arts Luncheon, hosted by the Arts & Business Council of Miami. The local arts community is sincerely grateful for their dedication, love, and support of the arts for the past two decades.



GMYS & TAYB collaborate

Students from the Greater Miami Youth Symphony and the Thomas Armour Youth Ballet will perform, free of charge, excerpts from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* at the Coral Gables Library on March 9th and the Miami Beach Library on April 27th. Video from the Northshore

Community Center performance can be seen [here](#). For more information on GMYS, visit their website [here](#).

Annual Spring Concert for Family & Friends

On April 13th and 14th, intermediate and advanced students of TAYB will be performing works of choreographers from the 1900s to the 1950s, in line with our current curriculum, at the NWSA Dance Theater. Pieces will include excerpts from the works of Martha Graham and Jose Limon. Original works by TAYB faculty, Mariana Alvarez and Rosario Suarez, and New World School of the Arts faculty, Gerard Ebitz, will also be performed.

New Board Member for TAYB

We are happy to welcome Cynthia Birdsill, Economic Sustainability Director at the City of Coral Gables, as our organization's newest board member. Ms. Birdsill is a practicing attorney specializing in commercial real estate and co-founded the nonprofit *The Art Connection in the Capital Region* which connects artists with nonprofits.



Outreach Students see STOMP

Thanks to the generosity of Adrienne Arsht Center, the intermediate and advanced tap students were able to attend a performance of the production at the beginning of December.

