

20th Anniversary Celebrations Planned!



HARID will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2007! A number of special performances and events are being planned to include as many of our many friends and supporters as possible:

Florida Dance Teachers' Week at The Harid Conservatory, February 12-16

HARID's faculty and director will host a series of luncheons for Florida's dance teachers during *Florida Dance Teachers' Week at The Harid Conservatory*. Following each luncheon, guests will tour the facilities and observe the school's students in their dance classes. Immediately following the classes, visiting teachers will be invited to join HARID's faculty and director in open discussions about ballet methodology and other matters of interest.

The luncheons will be held on Monday, February 12; Wednesday, February 14; and Friday, February 16. For more information, please contact Janet Trivino at 561-997-2677 ext. 15.

20th Anniversary Birthday Party and Art Competition/Exhibition, Friday, March 23

HARID's 20th birthday party will take place at the Conservatory on Friday, March 23. Guests will enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres, live music, a dance performance, and birthday cake! As an added attraction, the event will include an art competition and exhibition. Palm Beach County high-school and college/university art students will be invited to submit artwork for the contest. Two thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded! And, in addition to a panel of expert art judges, each guest will be invited to participate in awarding the Peoples' Choice Awards by casting ballots for their favorite pieces of art! The artwork will remain on exhibition at HARID until May 30.

For more information about the Art Contest and Exhibition, please call Judy Antoon at 561-997-2677 ext. 17.

20th Anniversary Year-End Performances, May 25-27

HARID's 20th anniversary celebrations will continue with performances at the soon-to-be-completed Countess de Hoernle Theater at Spanish River Community High School! The performances will be held May 25—27 and will feature notable HARID alumni as guest artists. More information about the May performances



Alumnus Adam Still (2006) in *Flower Festival Pas de Deux*

will be mailed to HARID's friends and supporters early in the New Year, once a seating plan for the new theater is available. In the meantime, please mark your calendar!

Alumni Reunion, May 25-28

HARID plans to host a homecoming for its alumni during the weekend of the May performances. Various activities and events will provide opportunities for them to reconnect with one another.

Evening Cruise on the Intra-Coastal Waterway, Friday, November 30

On Friday, November 30, 2007, HARID plans to invite its many friends and supporters to join the trustees, faculty, and staff for an evening cruise on the beautiful intra-coastal waterway. The evening will be a relaxing and fun final celebration of HARID's twenty years of accomplishment.

20th Anniversary Shirts and Caps

A colorful collection of 20th anniversary shirts and caps are now available at HARID. Please call Vikki Strickland at 561-997-2677 ext. 35 to purchase these commemorative items. The shirts and caps will also be on sale at the theater during HARID's Holiday Dance Performances.

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Summer School Hosts Fifty-Six Aspiring Dancers!

This past summer, fifty six young dancers spent four strenuous weeks studying ballet and other dance courses at HARID. The annual Summer School attracted students from twenty-one states across the country, and from Canada, Mexico, Brazil, and Japan.

On August 16, four weeks after Summer School ended, the 2006-07 academic year got underway with forty talented students enrolled.

20th Anniversary Shirts and caps will make wonderful gifts this season!



Congratulations! HARID's Guest Choreographer Recognized

A television adaptation of choreographer Mark Godden's full-length ballet, *The Magic Flute*, recently won a Gemini Award for Best Performance in a Performing Arts Program. The Geminis celebrate excellence in Canadian English-language television.

Godden originally created the ballet for Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet. It was subsequently adapted for television as *The Tale of the Magic Flute* by film producer Vonnie Von Helmolt. Dancers of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, including HARID alumnus Amanda Green (2003), were featured in the television production.

Mark Godden has created eleven original ballets for HARID since his first visit in 1992. His work is unfailingly original and captivating. He will return to HARID in January to create another work, to be premiered at the school's 20th Anniversary Year-End Performances in May.

HARID to Wish Tim Jones a Fond Farewell



Tim Jones has maintained HARID's pristine buildings and campus for the past 18 years.

When founding HARID president, James Hankins, initiated the construction of the Conservatory's campus in 1987, he needed a knowledgeable and trust-worthy project manager to oversee the work. He found everything he was looking for in Tim Jones. When the construction was completed, the board of trustees was so pleased with Tim's work that they asked him to stay on as Facilities Manager. He agreed, and for the past eighteen years—up until the present day—the pristine condition of HARID's campus has been maintained by Tim's dedication, expertise, and hard work.

Tim plans to retire from HARID in December. He has graciously agreed, however, to spend additional time training his successor before moving on to other interests. Tim is an avid traveler who loves canoeing, hiking, and camping. In addition to undertaking new adventures in far away places, he and his wife Wendy plan to spend more time enjoying their rural property in North Carolina.

HARID thanks Tim for his many years of remarkable service and wishes him happy adventures throughout his retirement years!

Holiday Dance Performances

Tickets are still available for HARID's Holiday Dance Performances, December 15, 16, and 17. The performances will feature classical ballet, character dance, and modern dance. The highlight of each program will be HARID's holiday tradition, *The Nutcracker, Act II*.

This year's program will showcase HARID's talented students in the classical ballet *Carnivale*; the lively character dance *Hopak*; a new work created by HARID's modern-dance instructor and choreographer Tara Mitton Catao; and Act II of *The Nutcracker*, which features Spanish Chocolates, Arabian Coffee, Chinese Tea, Dance of the Mirlitons, the Russian Trepak, Waltz of the Flowers, and the majestic Grand Pas de Deux!

The performances will be held at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater, 20101 Lyons Road in Boca Raton, on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$28, \$22, and \$16 and can be ordered in person at the school or by telephone at 561-998-8038. HARID is grateful to the law firm *Hodgson Russ LLP* for generously sponsoring the performances.

Bring your family and friends to HARID's Holiday Dance Performances and enjoy a wonderful evening or afternoon of dance!

HARID's 2007 Annual-Fund Campaign

HARID recently kicked off its 20th Anniversary Annual-Fund Campaign to raise money for student financial aid. Director Gordon Wright says, "Each year, the school provides more than \$75,000 in aid to students whose families cannot afford the living costs at HARID. Over the years, hundreds of families have received assistance in the form of financial aid. Without such assistance, many of our most-notable alumni would not have been able to enroll at the school. The success of our annual-fund campaign is vital. The availability of student financial aid ensures that a student's talent, rather than his or her family's economic situation, remains the sole criterion for admission."

During 2007, HARID's 20th anniversary year, the school seeks to raise \$100,000 from individuals, private foundations, and corporations. Please help make HARID's annual-fund campaign a success by making a generous, tax-deductible contribution at this time. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



Many of HARID's students would be unable to enroll without financial aid.

Student Assistance Awards

Four HARID students have been recognized with special awards to assist with their living costs at the school:

Rudolf Nureyev Education Fellowships, generously funded by the Rudolf Nureyev Dance Foundation, have been awarded to Morgana Cappellari and Beth Ann Maslinoff. Each student received \$5,000. Morgana, a sixteen-year-old junior from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is beginning her third year of study at HARID. Seventeen-year-old Beth Ann is a senior from Gainesville, Florida. She is in her fourth and final year of study at the school. HARID director Gordon Wright commented, "The faculty and I are very pleased to recognize Morgana and Beth Ann with this year's Education Fellowships. They are both talented and hard-working students who take their studies very seriously. I look forward to following their successes after they graduate from HARID."

Edith and Boris Rueger are among HARID's most-dedicated volunteers and supporters. Once again, this year, they generously presented Rueger Family Awards to two HARID students. During a special "family-night dinner" in Russo Hall on September 20, Edith and "Bob" presented Lionel de Bayser and Drew Wright with one-thousand dollars each to assist with the cost of housing at the school. Lionel is a junior from Brazil and Drew is a senior from Michigan.

2007 Auditions

Auditions for HARID's 2007 Summer School will be conducted in sixteen cities across the United States in January and February. HARID's director and ballet faculty members will visit Cincinnati, Chicago, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Greenville, San Francisco, Atlanta, Anaheim, Tampa, Boston, Washington DC, New York, Dallas, Denver, St. Louis, and Boca Raton. Audition locations, dates, and times are available on HARID's website at www.harid.edu.

The Badventures of Creepy Cat

Creepy Cat isn't very cute. And he's not very friendly. In fact, he's kind of creepy! And that's why he's called Creepy Cat.

HARID director, Gordon Wright, recently had his first children's book published! *The Badventures of Creepy Cat* chronicles a hurricane-displaced kitty's badventures in South Florida where he meets Shadow the beautiful black cat, the mysterious Creepy Crawler, the ugly Muskovy ducks, and the bright, full Moon.



The book will be offered for sale as a school fund-raising item during HARID's upcoming Holiday Dance Performances. Mr. Wright will be available for book signing immediately following each performance.

Alumni Update

The members of HARID's Class of 2006 have been doing very well since their departure last May:

Bethany Buller is pursuing further dance studies at the Houston Ballet Academy with the hope of being invited to join the Company next season.

Chelsea Gauthier and **Emily McLaughlin** have enrolled in the dance department of the University of Utah.

Mary Laurel Ratliff is attending Tulane University.

Adam Still is dancing professionally with Ballet Idaho.

Other alumni news:

Alan Alberto (2005) recently returned to St. Petersburg, Russia to complete a second year of study at the renowned Vaganova Academy. Alan successfully applied to the historic school following his graduation from HARID in May 2005. He enjoyed a remarkable year studying with various teachers, learning to speak Russian, and exploring the magnificent city of St. Petersburg. He has returned for a second year in order to complete the study requirements for an Academy certificate.

Isabella (Hildur)Boylston (2005) has been promoted from American Ballet Theatre's Studio Company to the main Company.

Lauren Post (2005) has joined Atlanta Ballet

Lydia Lanier (2004) has joined Indiana Ballet Theatre

Megan Gray (2004) has been promoted from Boston Ballet II to the main Company.

Bridgett Zehr (2002) declined a promotion at Houston Ballet in order to join the National Ballet of Canada.

Jonathan Dummar (2002) has left Ballet Memphis to join the Joffrey Ballet, Chicago.

Bo Busby (2001) has left American Ballet Theatre to join Boston Ballet.

Josh Grant (2000) has joined Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo

Alexander Andreyev (2000) has joined Hanover Ballet in Germany

We hope you have enjoyed reading HARID's Fall Newsletter. The next issue will be published in February, 2007. (Please, in the meantime, consider making a generous contribution to HARID's Annual Fund!)



Alan Alberto (2005) standing outside the renowned Vaganova Academy in St. Petersburg, Russia.