

# Baltimore School for the Arts

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**Parent Newsletter/Winter 2009**

*Dear BSA Parents,*

The school year is in full swing and the students are immersed in their arts and academic programs. Musicians recently performed at **Chamber** and **Orchestra** concerts and with the young instrumentalists of the TWIGS program in a **Side-by-Side** educational program. The jazz band and a classical music trio also performed at the Kennedy Center and two senior musicians had the great privilege to attend master classes and a performance at the White House! The senior theatre ensemble and theatre production students are currently presenting **Wilder Ones** and the work of our visual artists can be seen on display in the **Fall Exhibition** in the Segal Gallery. And of course, the dancers are rehearsing for **The Nutcracker** and the **BSO's Holiday Spectacular!** On the academic front, congratulations to our first quarter **Dean's List** and **Honor Roll** students! Please see more details about all of the BSA happenings in the newsletter.

*Leslie Shepard*  
Director

## **Performance/Exhibition Calendar**

### **Visual Arts:**

#### **Fall Exhibition**

November 6-January 8  
Segal Gallery/Free

### **Music:**

#### **Wind Ensemble Concert**

Monday, Nov 23 – 7 pm  
Schaefer Ballroom

#### **Choral Concert**

Thursday, Dec 17 – 7 pm  
Schaefer Ballroom

### **Theatre & Stage Production:**

#### **Four One-Acts by Thornton**

#### **Wilder**

Pinkett Smith Theatre

- Wednesday, Nov 18 – 7 pm
- Thursday, Nov 19 – 7 pm
- Friday, Nov 20 – 7 pm

- Saturday, Nov 21 – 2pm

### **Dance:**

#### ***The Nutcracker Ballet***

*Schaefer Ballroom*

- Friday, Dec 4, 7 pm
- Saturday, Dec 5, 11 & 3 pm
- Sunday, Dec 6, 2 & 6 pm
- Friday, Dec 11, 7 pm
- Saturday, Dec 12, 11 & 3 pm
- Sunday, Dec 13, 2 & 6 pm

#### ***Nutcracker Box Office Hours***

Tickets for *The Nutcracker* will be available for purchase in the front lobby on the following days:

Saturday, Nov 21, 9-12  
Tuesday, Nov 24, 4-7  
Tuesday, Dec 1, 4-7

Wednesday, Dec 2, 4-7  
Thursday, Dec 3, 4-7

Tickets are also available online at [www.missiontix.com](http://www.missiontix.com). For questions about *The Nutcracker Ballet*, call the ticket line at 410-624-2110.

*For information about BSA events visit the school's website [www.bsfa.org](http://www.bsfa.org) or call the Special Projects Office at 410-625-0403.*

*Please note: There will be a \$1.50 service charge per ticket for all credit card transactions at the box office and on-line.*

#### **Other Dates to Note:**

- **Friday, December 18, Early Release Day**
- **Wednesday, December 23**

- **Dismissal end of 5<sup>th</sup> period**
- **Thursday, December 24 – Sunday, January 3**  
**School closed, Winter break**  
**Classes resume Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

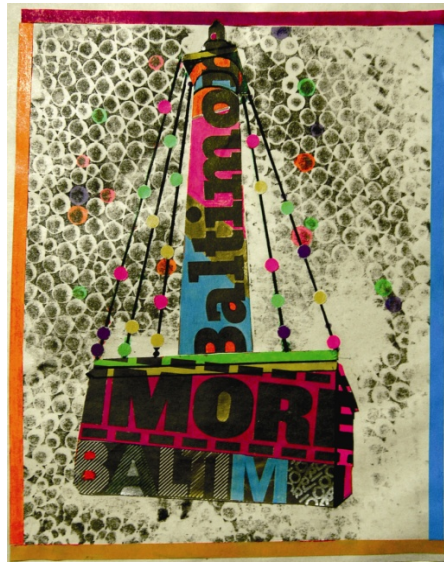
- **Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27**  
**School Closed,**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday**

### **Good News & In the News**

**Zoe Gensheimer**, a senior in the Visual Arts Department, is the official artist of the year for the annual lighting of the Washington Monument. Her design, described by the Downtown Partnership as “very fresh and different from anything we have done in some time” will be featured on street pole banners, emails, ads, holiday cards and the poster for the event. Zoe is the first student to be chosen as the official artist.

The Monument Lighting will take place on Thursday, December 3. BSA’s famous tap dancing Santas will also be part of the festivities, which begin at 5:30 pm and include other

holiday entertainment and a fireworks finale.



The dancers will also be tapping at the **BSO’s Holiday Spectacular** later in the month – for more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.bsomusic.org](http://www.bsomusic.org).

### **Looking for the Perfect Holiday Gift?**

Make a donation to the BSA in honor of a loved one – we’ll send a beautiful card to your recipient. Donations can be made to a specific department, to the school’s annual fund, or to the book fund. For ideas, to browse the school’s “gift

catalogue” or to make a donation, please visit [www.bsfa.org](http://www.bsfa.org) or call the BSA Foundation at 410-347-3043. Thank you for remembering BSA for the holidays!

BSA t-shirts and other logo wear will be on sale during intermission at all Nutcracker performances. Come see the production and shop too!

Another way to support the school when you are out and about this season is to designate BSA in the following giving programs: If you have a Target Red Card, please enroll in their school giving program at [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe). If you shop at Giant Food, please register with the store so that BSA will receive credit: our school ID is 01212. You can also sign up online at [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus). If you participate in the 2009 Maryland Charity Campaign BSA’s designation code is 1021. Our designation code for the 2009 Combined Charity Campaign is 2132. All of these campaigns really make a difference to our annual fund – thanks for participating!

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **In January:**

- *Theatre students participating in the Red Cross Players Tour, January 5-8*
- *Financial Aid Night for Jr and Senior Parents, January 11 at 7pm*
- *Opera Scenes, January 12 at 7pm in the Schaefer Ballroom*

#### **In March:**

- BSA’s *30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Expressions Celebration* will be held Saturday, March 6; Sunday, March 7; Monday, March 8; and Sunday, March 14.

- **Everyman Theatre** and Baltimore School for the Arts will collaborate on Thornton Wilder's American classic, *Our Town*, directed by Donald Hicken. Stripped of sets, curtains and props, watch Everyman Theatre magically transform into Grover's Corners in this celebratory production and see BSA students in action!
- For the second time stage production and theatre students will work with the **Maryland Historical Society**, this year researching and developing research packets about Revolutionary Maryland and eventually developing scenes to be produced at MHS.
- BSA dancers will also be featured in the BSO's production of Stravinsky's **Pulcinella** conducted by Marin Alsop. Renowned choreographer Lisa de Ribere returns to BSA to choreograph the ballet for this exciting production.

### **Congratulations on 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Achievements!**

#### **Dean's List**

Nana Adjeiwaa-Manu  
Daniel Lemer

#### **Honor Roll**

Grace Albright  
Sarah Arroyo  
Scott AuCoin  
Fani Avramopoulos  
Marisa Balatico  
Sophia Bauershmiddt  
Aaron Bell  
Maia Bedford  
Lenna Blaser  
Alana Bowers  
Nathan Brandli  
Claudia Buccino  
Carlene Buccino  
Aliyah Caldwell  
Ian Cameron  
Aaron Cary  
Grace Chang  
Lydia Cornett  
Stephanie Crockett  
Paul Cronan  
David Diongue  
Melissa Estes  
Adia Evans  
Tehya Faulk  
Madeline Fishburn  
Zoe Gensheimer  
Brendan Gill  
Sarah Gold

Micah Goldblum  
Benjamin Grossman  
Johanna Guilfoyle  
Stephanie Hebb  
Patricia Hengen  
Olivia Henry-Jackson  
Albert Hicks  
Alexandra Hobson  
Royce Hodnett  
Melissa Hopkins  
Gabrielle Iturralde  
Annia Jasper  
June Jennings  
Chandler Johnson  
Joshua Katinsky  
Colleen Kerwin  
Sam Kessler  
Sophie Kessler  
Julia Klavans  
Nancy Kyel  
Christopher Lane  
Julia Laughlin  
Jenelle Legge  
Anastasia Lehukey  
Alexandra Linn  
Bernadette Little  
Grace MacFarlane  
Dylan Maddox  
Angela Martino  
William Mason  
Lily McFeeters  
Taylor Miller  
Tannaz Motevalli  
Mikela Murphy  
Hannah Myers  
Aaron Opara  
Shayna Orens  
Ayana Parker-Morrison  
Alexander Parlato  
Daniel Raderman  
Nava Rastegar

Ellin Rittler  
Martha Robichaud  
Rebecca Ross  
Angela Ruiz  
Daniel Sakamoto-  
Wengel  
Daniel Schutrum-  
Boward  
Brandon Semilia  
Jessica Sharkey  
Lewis Shaw  
Asya Shaw  
Milan Silverman  
Glen Smith  
Sydney Spann  
Alexis Staley  
Jasmine Strong  
Amber Taylor  
Adam Trinkoff  
Tyasia Velines  
Gwendolyn Vichness  
Jasmine Watkins  
Madeleine Welsh  
Madison Wilson  
Alexander Winch  
Gabriel Wisner-Carlson  
Eleanor Wright  
Alice Wynd

#### **Perfect Attendance**

Nana Adjeiwaa-Manu  
Maame Agyekum  
Grace Albright  
Arielle Armstrong  
Scott Aucoin  
Marisa Balatico  
Ta'Kesihia Barnes  
Sydney Bennett  
Synthia Betances

Narisa Boodoo  
Brianna Brantley  
Brown, Nigal  
Susannah Brown  
Taddrick Brown-  
Bowens  
Tionna Brunson  
Claudia Buccino  
Aliyah Caldwell  
Ian Cameron  
Joshua Campbell  
Christian Cantu  
Julian Carter-Rivera  
Daron Cheatam  
Rachel Condliffe  
Lydia Cornett  
Olivia Cox  
Stephanie Crockett  
Alexandra Cruz-Wright  
Markele Cullins  
Nicole Daniels  
Tinnea Davis  
Desiree Dawson  
Hilary DeVos  
David Diongue  
Marcus Downer  
Taylor Dunn  
Rachel Edwards  
Jalilah Epp Schmidt  
Francesca Fabiani  
Cicero Ferrante  
India Fields  
Madeline Fishburn  
Devin Fleming  
Kendall Forbes  
Naijyyiah-Michelle  
Gaither  
Kevin Gillespie  
Raquan Green  
Maja Griffin  
Benjamin Grossman

Johanna Guilfoyle  
Najah Hameed  
Patricia Hengen  
Daquan Hill  
Rachel Hilson  
Tiana Himmel  
Alexandra Hobson  
I'Yann Holley  
Letravenous Holley  
Gabrielle Iturralde  
Miranda Jacobs  
Annie Jasper  
Dominique Jenkins  
June Jennings  
Brennan Johnson  
Chandler Johnson  
Sierra Jones  
David Kalwa  
Hunter Kasky  
Colleen Kerwin  
Isabel Klompus

Nancy Kyei  
Casey Landon  
Julia Laughlin  
Jabril Leach  
Daniel Lemer  
Grace Macfarlane  
Dylan Maddox  
Andrew Malinoski  
Milo Matunis  
Corrin Mitchell  
William Mitchell  
Raequane Montgomery  
Candace Moore  
Adrianna Morgan  
Mikela Murphy  
Tina Nguyen  
Titi Nguyen  
Aaron Opara  
Aaron Outlen  
Neiman Outlen  
Tyrone Page Jr.

Reyna Pannell  
Ashleigh Polite  
Kaya Potler  
Erica Powe  
Caroline Preziosi  
Daniel Raderman  
Cleo Rahman  
Ellin Rittler  
Martha Robichaud  
Julio Rodriquez  
Rebecca Ross  
Daniel Sakemoto-  
Wengel  
Jamel Sanders  
Daniel Schutrum-  
Bowers  
Brandon Semilia  
Haleh Short  
Noah Smith  
Courtney Spears  
Alexis Staley

Megan Stricker  
Jasmine Strong  
Olakemi Teru  
David Trinkoff  
Maya Turner  
Jasmine Urquhart  
Tyasia Velines  
Gwendolyn Vichness  
Brittany Waldron  
Malika Walker  
Jasmine Watkins  
Kendra Welborn  
Madeleine Welsh  
Elzie Williams  
Janea Williams  
Alexander Winch  
Gabriel Wisner-Carlson  
Eleanor Wright  
Susanna Young

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### ***Last Call for Student Directory***

We are in the process of putting together a student directory for family use at BSA and would very much like to include your family's information in the book.

If you wish to have your family's information included in the directory and either have not already sent in the form that was included in the Fall 2009 Parent Newsletter or been contacted via email by a volunteer and sent the information in that way, please email [lisa.ercolano@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.ercolano@gmail.com) with the following information:

Student name, grade, arts area  
Parents'/guardian name(s)  
Address (including zipcode, please)  
Telephone numbers  
Email address(es)

***Please note that participation in the directory is strictly voluntary!*** Please respond by Monday, November 23 in order to be included in the directory. Thank you!