

Expressions: The Places We're Going!

We're busily preparing for our favorite weekend of the year, Expressions! It's a chance for the BSA community to gather to celebrate and support the school and its talented students.

Centered on a show featuring the dancers, musicians, and actors, and the Spring Exhibition by the visual artists, Expressions is a not-to-be missed yearly event. It is also the school's most important fundraiser! This year our theme is "The Places You'll Go."

Come to BSA and find out just what that means!



Our Saturday Gala is sold out but there are tickets available for Sunday, March 2 ([click here](#)) and Monday, March 3 ([click here](#)). If you prefer to buy tickets in person, visit our box office in the Madison Street lobby: Tuesday, Feb 18: 4 - 7 pm; Thursday, Feb 20: 4 - 7 pm; Saturday, Feb 22: 10 am - 1 pm; Monday, Feb 24: 4 - 7 pm; Tuesday, Feb 25: 4 - 7 pm; Wednesday, Feb 26: 4 - 7 pm; Thursday, Feb 27: 4 - 7 pm; Friday, February 28: 11 am - 1 pm

BSA & BSO Side-by-Side

After a joyous collaborative production of *The Nutcracker*, we're happy to continue working closely with the [BSO](#). In January, our dancers were featured in the symphony's tribute to Marvin Hamlisch, and in March, our musicians will have the opportunity to rehearse side-by-side with the orchestra's players. BSO Concertmaster Jonathan Carney conducts BSA students at [First & Franklin](#), **February 18 at 7 pm in a free concert** and a group of students attended the BSO's production of Tchaikovsky's *Pathétique* (Their teacher, Dr. Edwards, happened to be performing).

February 2014



This April, we're pleased to present "A Russian Serenade"

Join us for our second multi-disciplinary festival centered on the work of Chekhov, Balanchine, Tchaikovsky, and others, as well as Russian history.

-Three Sisters, directed by Donald Hicken and presented by BSA's senior acting ensemble, will run **April 2-11**.

-Serenade, featuring BSA's dancers and musicians, will take place **April 9 at 5pm** and **April 10 at 7pm**.

Serenade has been set by Deborah Wingert and licensed by the [Balanchine Trust](#). BSA alum [Andrew Grams](#) conducts.

-The opening of **Student Projects** will be held **April 9 at 4pm**. Free!

Our first festival in April 2013 was selected as Best Dance Event by [Baltimore Magazine](#). Don't miss out on this very special production of one of Balanchine's classic ballets, his first to be performed in the U.S.!

Makin' Music

🎵 BSA alum **George Lovett '07** has made it to **THE TOP 15** on [American Idol](#)! Tune in this week and cheer him on. [Click here](#) to see his winning performance.



In the early summer, we'll again host the [BSO's Academy](#) for adult musicians and then in December, we'll present our third annual Nutcracker together! For a sweet video recap of this year's production, [click here!](#)



Celebrating the Art of Giving, Fashionably!

On February 5, we were lucky to benefit with [Kennedy Krieger](#) from the Art of Giving, sponsored this year by Len Stoler Automotive; co-chaired by Ayana Lugo, Carroll McGill, Joan Royals and Lisa Stoler; and hosted by [Ruth Shaw](#) and [Renaissance Fine Arts](#) at Cross Keys. Despite an icy morning, there was a great turn-out (and even some models from our TWIGS program dressed in clothes from [Pied Piper](#))! Thank you to all who attended, donated food and favors, participated and gave so generously -- We'll have some new "fashions" to

show off at next December's Nutcracker because of your support! To see who was "glimpsed" by *The Sun* at the event, [click here](#).

BSA Is Linked In!

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♪ **Makeba Riddick '96** was nominated for a Grammy Award this year for her work on *Love and War*, Tamar Braxton's #1 R&B hit. To listen, [click here](#).

♪ Currently #2 on the itunes jazz charts, graduates **Dontae and Mashica Winslow** are hoping to reach #1 for their newly released album *Enter the Dynasty*. Listen to a selection [here](#).

♪ BSA senior **Silvio Guitian** has been selected for the [2014 National Youth Orchestra](#) and will be performing at venues across the country this summer.

♪ **TWIGS students** have set Peggy Rathmann's Caldecott-winning book *Officer Buckle and Gloria* to music they've composed. They're performing (and reading the book) to children at libraries across the city! Join the kids in BSA's Sylvan Studio on **February 22 at 2pm**, or at a library near you. [Click here](#) for info!



There's always more! **Junior actors** present their original scenes February 19 & 20 at 4:30 & 7:30 in the Shakur Black Box Theatre. **Visual Artists** open their Spring Exhibition with a free reception February 26 at 4pm. Visit [www.bsfa.org](#)