

# The BSA Times

September 2013

## The Fall Is Underway!

We've all been busy here at school with a variety of activities including just in the first week a fabulous student-run assembly to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom and a field trip to the National Gallery in DC to kick off our second multi-disciplinary project, *A Russian Serenade*. Just this past weekend, the first Visual Arts Exhibition opened in our Zamoiski Segal Gallery (It is open until November 22) and we welcomed parents, friends and volunteers to the Labor of Love to clean up the school. Come see us soon for an event at BSA -- Visit [www.bsfa.org](http://www.bsfa.org) or read on for details of what's happening!

## A Labor of Love (and some fun too!)

BSA parents, students, faculty, friends and volunteers gathered early on Saturday the 21st at the school to paint, clean, sweep, fix, vacuum, wash -- well, you name it...It was a great day and truly needed. Thank you to everyone who pitched in!



## BSA Begins 2nd Annual Multi-Disciplinary Festival: *A Russian Serenade*

With a visit to the National Gallery on the fourth day of school, BSA's 2nd annual all-school project got under way. 160 students boarded buses for DC to see *Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes*, a stunning exhibit focused on the Russian producer who brought together some of the greatest dancers, artists and musicians of the early 20th century. The costume designs, sets, videos and artwork were an inspiring example of what artists can achieve when they work together. Stay tuned for more details on our own collaborative project as the year goes on and save the dates of April 2-11, 2014 to see the end result! [Click here](#) for more information on this wonderful exhibit. BSA's first multi-disciplinary event, *Appalachian Spring*, was selected as Best Dance Event of 2013 by *Baltimore Magazine*!

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## SPOTLIGHT ON:

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for **Gotta Dance!**

**Friday, November 8 at 6:30 pm.** This super-fun

event features dance classes taught by BSA alumni and friends. Whether you're a fan of hip hop or country, there's something for you! Tickets are \$50; proceeds benefit BSA.

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

**The Nutcracker at The Lyric with the BSO is back!**

**December 20-22**

Special group rates are available for this spectacular holiday classic featuring our high school and TWIGS dancers and BSA alum Andrew Grams conducting. [Click here for ticket info](#)

## BSA is the BEST

\*Ranked one of the **Best High Schools in America** in 2013 by both *US News & World Report* and *Newsweek*

\**Baltimore Magazine's* **Best Dance Event of 2013: *Appalachian Spring***

\**City Paper's* 2013 List - **Best Actress:** Sophie Hinderberger (BSA alum) & **Best New Playwright:** Lola Pierson (also, you guessed it, a BSA alum)

## Students Collaborate to Mark Anniversary of "I Have a Dream" Speech

A group of BSA stage production and theater students gathered this summer with Dr. Chris Ford and a few faculty members to talk about a way to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King's iconic speech, given in 1963 at the March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom. Their ideas and work culminated in a moving all-school assembly that they were able to present on just the third day of school. We were honored to welcome Dr. Skipp Sanders, Executive Director of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum, for a Q&A, and the chorus joined in with traditional songs. Check out this City Schools recap of the event: [Click here for video](#) This was just the first in a series dedicated to remembering a landmark year in the Civil Rights Movement.



### ***Torn Asunder*, BSA's collaborative project with Fort McHenry & MDHS, is featured by International Museum Theatre Alliance**

Theatre and stage production students will present their original scenes about the Civil War, researched, written and costumed in an ongoing partnership with the Maryland Historical Society and the National Parks, with visitors from around the world on October 6. This exciting program, spearheaded by BSA's resident costumer, Norah Worthington, has enabled students to interpret history from primary sources and share that knowledge with audiences throughout Maryland. The project continues this year with new scenes to be developed surrounding the anniversary of the writing of the Star Spangled Banner. BSA students will see the scenes in an assembly on October 11. To see the Baltimore Sun's photo gallery of the April performance at Hampton Mansion, [click here](#). (Photo Brian Krista, Patuxent Publishing)

## Upcoming Events

**9/26 & 10/1**

Freshmen and new Sophomores are **Outward Bound** for group bonding and cooperative skill-building.

**10/4**

### **Open School Day**

BSA parents and friends -- Join your student for the day.

Followed by **General Parent Meeting** at 4:30 p.m.

**10/5**

If you know anyone with children interested in the high school program, make sure they're aware of **BSA's Open House/Information Day!**

**10/12**

### **First Day of TWIGS**

Welcome to our youngest students!

**10/30**

### **The British Are Coming**

to Germano's Trattoria -- Join us for theatre and dinner with our exchange students. Doors open at 6:00/Show at 7:30. Tickets \$10 benefit BSA.

[www.germanostrattoria.com](http://www.germanostrattoria.com)

**11/6**

### **Wind Symphony/Jazz Concert**

5 pm. Schaefer Ballroom.

Tickets \$5 & \$10.

**11/11**

### **Concert at First & Franklin**

**Presbyterian Church** 7 pm.

210 W. Madison St. Free.

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