

## Artistic Director's Report - Fall 2005

August always begins the Nutcracker process, and 2005 was not an exception! Our auditions were very well attended and our final cast is over 100. Choreographers Tia Brown, Gloria Elber, Rachel Allaire, Phoebe de Silva and Reed Scott are very busy with all of our weekends from now until Thanksgiving filled with rehearsals. This is the first year that we have seen a 10 day window at Thanksgiving to allow everyone a well deserved rest before we begin production. The staff was in agreement for the mini vacation due to the new two week production schedule and our move to the Morgan Stock Theatre at Monterey Peninsula College. We know that everyone will enjoy a break with family and friends during that holiday and come back refreshed and ready for our Holiday spectacular.



Dance Kids has engaged the talent of Robin McKee, director, for our spring theatrical production of "The Boyfriend." This play set in the 20's is a charming and innocent look at love at all ages. I love the charming and innocent part! There are lots of parts for young men and boys! There is a tremendous amount of tap dancing as well as all types of dance. This play is known as a 'dance show.' Just perfect for a Dance Kids production!

In May at the Golden Bough theatre, Dance Kids will produce the full length ballet "Sleeping Beauty." We are very excited to have Tia Brown at the helm for this production. Alan and I will see the Kirov version this weekend at Zellerbach Hall at UC Berkeley. I hear there are some other ballerinas traveling to the very same show to see how the production looks! We will see you there!

With huge thanks to Bernadette Rede and Sue Cricelli for all of their help in the Dance Kids office this fall. They have been instrumental in keeping the office flowing smoothly. Thanks to Stacey Diaz for chairing the parent volunteers for Nutcracker again this year. Without all of our volunteers, we would not exist! With lots of love to all, Carol.